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## Bomb factory uncovered 'just hours before attack'

**LOUISE JURY** 

The IRA was only "hours away" from an attack which could have caused serious loss of life when anti-terrorist officers found their bomb factory, police said yesterday. John Grieve, commander of

the anti-terrorist squad, said earby morning raids on addresses in south London recovered bomb-making equipment, maps

and false identities for the bombers who intended to strike at the capital's power supplies. The targets included utilities. such as gas, electricity and water works. He described the raids as "a significant success against Irish Republican Army terrorism".

He added: "I helieve that we were only a few hours away from grave loss of life and serious disruption to the ways of life of the

capital and the South-east." The squad was backed by armed police and special branch for the operation which hegan at 2.30am when CS pellets were fired into a house in Tooting to

disable those inside. Neighbours reported the sound of gunfire but police said this was from the CS canisters. Three of those arrested are believed to have undergone hospital checks but no firearms

Seven men, some from Northern Ireland, were taken from addresses in Tooting and Peckham and were being held last night under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Police recovered 36 bomb timers at one of the addresses and, Mr Grieve said: "It suggests that there were to be a whole series of attacks over quite a period of time." No explosives

were found hut police were ed by police on the British continuing a search of both mainland since the IRA ceasecontinuing a search of both addresses last night and concrete breaking equipment was hrought into an address in Peckham to dig in the cellar. Two other addresses, one in Wandsworth and another in

London, were also visited but no arrests were made. Yesterday's raids uncovered the second bomb factory local-

Southfields, both south-west

fire ended with the Docklands

bombing in February. The first cache was discovered when detectives found 15kg of Semtes explosive and other bomb-making equipment at a house in Lewisbam, south London, after Edward O'Brien. 21, blew himself up on his way to plant a bomb in central London shortly after the Dock-

A £1m reward was offered for information leading to the conviction of those responsible and a further £1m reward is on offer for information on the

Manchester bombing.
Commander Grieve appealed for information from people in the motor trade, particularly those dealing in cash. "We only get to where we get to with the help of the people

of London and everyone else in the UK because it's the commonities that defeat terrorism and the information they contact us with is what helps us

win," he said.
Police helieve they have found the getaway car for the Manchester bombing. A red Ford Granada, sold three months ago in London to a man with an Irish accent, was found in Preston, Lancs.

Photograph: Brian Hamis

## Major in mental health rethink

Exclusive

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor ·

Following a series of high-profile attacks by mentally ill people, John Major has admitted that too many asylums may have been closed and has ordered a study of whether new mental health authorities should be created to control all spending on the mentally ill.

The Prime Minister believes that existing policies are "not working as well as they should? and have led to a "growing pub-lic fear of the mentally ill". And while the policy of clos-

ing the old Victorian asylums is "clearly right" the hospital closure programme "may have gone too far", Downing Street says, with too few replacement places available in 24-hour staffed accommodation to care for those who could be a risk to themselves or others.

The Prime Minister's concern was expressed in a letter from 10 Downing Street to Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health earlier this year. It appears to have followed a number of high profile murders by former psychiatric patients. They included the case of Wayne Hutchinson who killed two people and injured three in a six-day period, and that of Martin Mursell who murdered his stepfather and almost killed his mother in a frenzied knife attack.

It also reflects reports from the Royal College of Psychiatrists that bed occupancy rates are running at over 100 per cent. with the beds of patients out on leave immediately filled by others. This forces too early discharge to the community.

The letter has produced a review of the way mental illness is funded across the health and social services divide. But it may also strengthen Mr Dorrell's hand in this year's public spending round. In February, the health secretary announced a programme to provide 5,000 places for the "new" long-stay mentally ill by providing, in effect, new small-scale asylums in 24-hour nursed accommodation. He was, however, able to provide little extra cash to fund or run the 400-plus homes

needed. Mr Major, however, has she warned that "in many places it is going to need additional patients "want and require" a higher level of care and of "genuine asylum" than the community can easily provide - but there appears to be a shortage of the necessary 24-hour su-

pervised accommodation. The letter identifies "poor co-ordination" between health and social services as a key barrier

to delivering good quality services and says the Prime Minister "is attracted to the idea of creating separate mental health authorities who would control all mental health spending".

The Department of Health yesterday confirmed that a report on "removing obstacles" that prevented health and social services working together has been commissioned and is due to go to Mr Dorrell at the end of this month. A spokesman was reluctant to confirm that it mcluded the option of creating new mental health authorities but psychiatrists and managers whom the department's review team consulted have confirmed that the idea is under

consideration. John Bowis, the Health Min-ister, has visited Kirklees where the health and local authority social services have already created a separate fund run by a joint management board to buy scamless" care for the mentally ill - an approach Mr Bowis has been commending to others. Philip Cotterill, Kirklees's chief social services officer, said he was personally against creating a new authority but that it was clear the idea was under consideration as one of "a whole

range of options". Dame Fiona Caldicott, immediate past-president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, said there was a good case for the move. Although Mr Dorrell has given mental health high priority since he took over, she said, its share of NHS expenditure had declined in recent years. A separate anthority would help ensure that funds for the mentally ill were not di-verted into more glamorous NHS causes "as has happened often over the years". And while joint working with social services had worked well in some places, it depended on local councillors seeing mental

illness as a high priority. In Northern Ireland, health and social services have long been run as one body. Making the change in England, however, would involve taking cash not just from the NHS but from local government which would be likely to resist the idea.

Dame Fiona said Mr Dorrell's plans for new asylumstyle homes were welcome. But money if it is going to happen".

The department's own study of the idea warned "it is hard to avoid the conclusion that an element of pump priming will greatly facilitate the transition". The department purs the cost of homes between £275m and £400m to build, with running costs of more than £175m a year.



Clasic achievement: The restored Temple of Concord and Victory, at Stowe, Buckinghamshire

## Nothing horrid has ever happened to us before. No tragedy has touched us'

MAXINE FRITH, PA NEWS

A deeply emotional Shaun Russell husband of Lin Russell, who was last week found bludgeoned to death beside her sixyear-old daughter, Megan, told yesterday how his family's "idyllic" life had been destroyed.

Shaking as he frequently broke down in tears, Dr Russell, 44, talked of the brutal murders and the permanent injuries suffered by his other daughter Josephine. 9, who was left unconscious as she walked home from school with her mother and sister last Tuesday.

Police are still hunting the person who battered 45-year-old Lin and her daughters in a frenzied hammer attack in woods close to their home in Nonington, near Canterbury,

Dr Russell, who lectures in nature conservation at Kent University, said: "I swing between periods of complete desolation, but most of all I am thinking about Josephine. I want to get her over all of this as soon as possible.

"She is improving almost hourly. Every time I go to see her site is a link better. The doc-



Russell, in constant fear

tors tell me she is physically fairly okay. She is off the ventilator. She has got various signs of impairment to her mobility, but I can't tell how bad that

will be yet. "She is awake and she can focus on me. She knows who I am, but she can't talk at the moment. She doesn't yet know that her mother and sister are dead. I can't bring myself to tell

The family moved to the Kent village from North Wales last year and Dr Russell said: "To some it was the idyllic life

. Living in a beautiful little list- was born, and Namibia for two ed cottage in the country. Lin had dedicated herself to building up the garden. There were the ponies, the cats, the dogs, walking the dogs in the country. We never once felt afraid.

The girls were very much country children. They grew up in South Africa and they were both little tom-boys. They never needed television or many toys. They had their own amusements.

The best thing that the person who did this can do for everybody's sake, even for his own sake, is to come forward. I fear for the safety of everybody who he is near. Any animals who he is near. He killed my dog as well as my wife and child." Dr Russell revealed that a

week before the tragedy, a thief stole a plant pot from the family's garden. It was the first time we had talked about any possible safety problems," he told a press conference. I said that maybe Lin shouldn't go shopping every Tuesday and that we

from us again. Africa for 15 years, where Josie and the trees and the garden

years, where Megan was born, and we had never had any

problems there. "Nothing horrid has ever happened to our family before. We have led unusual and exciting lives, we have never had anything tragic touch us. A dog dying is prohably the most tragic thing we have had to

Mrs Russell and her daughter would be buried in the countryside of north Wales which they loved so much, said Dr Russell. Clutching the hand of a police liaison officer, he explained: "It's what Lin would have wanted, it's what Megan would have wanted and and it is what me and all my family

Of Josie, Dr Russell added: "She may be able to sketch the man we are looking for. She is a very good drawer, she gets that from me, but I don't relish the thought of having to go through that with her.

"I don't know whether I will should vary our movements to he able to stay in Kent. It's a deter anybody from stealing very idyllic part of Britain. But I returned to my house for the We had lived in South first time last night and the lanes

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New pay for services Defence chiefs are planning to introduce performance related pay into the armed services. The reduction in size of the forces means that there is now less

Space bug threat A group of scientists are con-

cerned that space expeditions run the risk of bringing deadly micro-organisms back to Earth, as is depicted in the novel The chance of promotion. Page 4 Andromeda Strain. Page 5 tested electron

QUICKLY

Mears loses narrowly Martin Mears was last night narrowly defeated by Tony Girling in his bid to retain the leadership of the Law Society in the second consecutive con-

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## A day in the High Court: Love, race,

Jack O'Sullivan

As a cricketer, Imrao Khan recognised the grandeur of the Royal Courts of Justice yesterday. A six. struck well at the entrance of its Great Hall, would still have fallen short of Queen Victoria's bust at the other end of what is a Gothic cathedral. "Massive, awesome," said Pakistan's former skipper as he stood in

its midst, with his wife, Jemima, a few paces behind. (A deference that caused apoplexy among photographers outside, who were trying to capture the gilded couple together).

"I've never been in court before," said Khan, there to defend himself against charges that he has libelled England's finest, Ian Botham and Alao Lamb.

Away from this battle of cricketing

ing sought. As Jemima glided into night." As George Carman QC flirt- ford University, his alma mater. But Court 19 in her blue kaftan dress ed with the jury on £500-plus per they are quite different from the with kitten-heeled open sandals, hour in the Imran Khan case, Mr squat, forbidding fortress of the Alan Bell was in Court 52, seeking Bell sought some restoration of six Old Bailey, only 15 minutes' walk compensation from Camden Conn- years' wages, worth £250 a week. Were away, which reeks of prosecution and cil. A former postman, Mr Bell, 62. fell down some steps during his deliveries in 1989. He has bardly worked since, due to a hack injury.

the steps slippery and dangerous? Mr Bell will hear tomorrow what the judge thinks.

These Royal Courts are no ordi-"I don't sleep with the wife anymore, nary court buildings. They may have

persecution. The Great Hall, opened in 1882, with its vaulted roof in white stone, stained glass windows, marble floors and uplifting arches produces a solemnity more in praise of and appeal court system.

goliaths, a different justice was be-because I always wake up in the recalled for Khan the elegance of Ox-God than law. The "daily cause" list looks at first more a petition for lost souls than a catalogue of accusation.

The judges' entrance is a more honest representation of true purpose. Over it are a stone cat and dog representing litigants in court. And yesterday saw all of human life laid bare - pettiness alongside life and death - at the apex of Britain's civil

# Fugitive Baron's dissolute lifestyle to be kept secret

Queen's Proctor v Moynihan

The colourful life and nefarious times of the late Third Baron Moynihan will remain shielded from the public eye after a High Court judge vesterday invoked a 1926 Act designed to protect the populace from moral outrage. The ruling was made at the opening of a hearing to settle competing claims to the title of the peer, who died from a stroke in 1991 while running a string of lecratice broth-els in the Philippines.

Two hoys, aged seven and five, whose Filipino mothers claim they were Lord Moynihan's fourth and fifth wives, are laving claim to the title.

Colin Moynihan, 44 the former Conservative sports minister, also has an interest in the outcome of the hearing, because as the half brother of the late lord, he also has a claim. Mr Moynihan wants to stand as an MP again, having lost his Lewisham scat in the 1992 General Election, but cannot offer himself as a candidate for any sent because, if he does become the Fourth Baron Moynihan, he will be elevated to the House of Lords and there

would have to be a by-election. The case had promised an insight into the colourful antics of Anthony Patrick Andrew mate and therefore does not

Third Baron Moynihan of Leeds, who fled to Manila in 1970 to evade a string of arrest warrants over gambling debts

and assorted fraud allegations. It was known he lived life to the full, building up a £3m for-tune from his involvement in the sex industry, and earning himself the nickname of the "Ermine Pimpernel".

But the Queen's Proctor has stepped into the case to challenge the legality of Lord Movnihan's divorce from his fourth wife. Editha. 35, who claims that her signatures on the court papers were forgeries.

This means that the hearing hecomes, in effect, a contested divorce case, and Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, ruled that the Judicial Proceedings Act must apply, and that reporting is strictly limited to names and charges until the judge gives his ruling at the end of the hearing.

Lord Meston QC, representing the Queen's Proctor, told the judge that the decrees nisi and absolute, granted to Lord Moynihan by Tunbridge Wells County Court in 1990,

It follows that Lord Moynihan's marriage to his lifth wife. former belly-dancer Jinna, now 31. was also void because it was bigamous, and their son, Daniel, aged five, is illegiti-



Colin Moynihan: Half brother of the late lord

is also known, however, that DNA tests on Editha's son, Andrew, and samples left by the late lord show that he could not have been the father.

If both the sons of Lord Moynihan's oriental wives are ruled out, Mr Colin Moynihan will become the Fourth Lord Moynihan of Leeds and will have to set his political sights on a career in the House of Lords.

Lord Moynihan's fortune in the Philippines (he left Britain with virtually nothing) will not be settled at this hearing, but is expected to go to one of the battling wives in Manila.

But details of the High Court

Stephen Brown gives his judg-ment at the end of the hearing which is expected to last 10 days. Although the judge ruled

that the case came under the Ju-dicial Proceedings Act, the At-torney General's office later agreed that details of the opening could be published.

He had told the court how Lord Moynihan fled from Britain facing 57 criminal and fraud charges and in March, 1970 made an announcement in

the Times newspaper that he would never return to the UK. He said that the first of "a number of remarkable documents" was a marriage certificate in the name of Colin Moynihan, signed in the Philippines, and a woman said to have been the peer's fifth wife, Jinna. Lord Mestnn said that Lord Moynihan did use the name "Colin" and also had various

different names. When the divorce papers were lodged at Tunbridge Wells County Court, the Manila address of Editha, the respondent, was given as Flamingo Health Services, "what is euphemisti-cally called a massage estab-

passports and driving licences

lishment", said Lord Meston. He asked for his decree absolute to be speeded up so that he could marry Jinna, who was pregnant by him, because he wanted to "make an honest woman of her".

The hearing continues today. Playboy days: Lord Moynihan with bunny girls in London in the 1950s



Photograph: Rex Features

## Police challenge Hillsborough ruling

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

Five police officers who suf- Sheffield stadium. tereu post-traumatie stress disorder after tending to victims of the 1989 Hillsborough tragedy yesterday challenged a High Court ruling that they were not entitled to compen-

Their appeal follows last month's out-of-court settlement with 14 officers who suf- peal. fered psychological illness after

struggling to save fans from being crashed to death in pens at the Leppings Lane end of the

thony Beavis, Pc Geoffrey Glave. Sgt Janet Smith and Insp Henry White attended to the dying or dead outside the Leppings Lane enclosures where the tragedy took place. A sixth officer in the original case has decided not to ap-

The three defendants to the

Officers y South Yorkshire Police

Cluh and the club's engineers - have admitted liability for negligence. But Mr Justice Waller ruled last April in respect of the six that they were not close enough to the scene of the tragedy to be entitled to compensation. Claims from a further 17 of-

ficers will depend on the out-

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action - South Yorkshire Police, come of the two-day appeal, the case of a rescuer who suffered of the 96 dead fans - many of Vednesday Foothall first time this area of the law psychiatric damage from those whom received either only reached the Court of Appeal. Benet Hytner QC, for the five, urged the Lords Justices

Rose, Henry and Judge to rule that the judge had been wrong to hold that the relationship between the officers and their chief constable did not give rise to a duty not to expose them to a foreseeable risk of psy-

chiatric injury. Further, he also ruled incorrectly that different ficers will, however, re-ignite considerations applied in the anger among bereaved families which applied to a case of

physical injury. Mr Hytner said. The officers' solicitor. Simon Allen, said outside the court: They accepted the reasonable risks of their service, but they should not be expected to deal with the appalling conscquences of the negligent actions

A ruling in favour of the ofmodest compensation, or none at all, under the law.

The House of Lords has ruled that relatives suffering post-traumatic stress after watching the horror unfold on television, or at the Hillsborough ground, or mortuary some hours later have no claim in law.



Police officers helping the injured at Hillsborough

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#### SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The controversial reign of Martin Mears as Law Society president was at an end last night after "establishment" candidate Tony Girling narrowly captured the top job in the annual elections. Mr Mears' attempt to make history by winning the second consecutive contested election ended in disappointment as 15,911 members backed Mr Girling to Mr Mears' 14,239. The humiliation was all the greater because Mr Girling's two running mates. Phillip Sycamore and Michael Mathews, also saw off candidates from the Mears' slate. In likewise close votes, Mr Sycamore beat the current vicepresident Robert Sayer by 16.319 votes to 14.852; Mr Mathews beat the deputy vice-president David Keating by 16,080 to 14,359.

The urbane Mr Girling, the 52-year-old senior partner of his Kent

solicitors' firm, is currently vice-president. His team fought the election as official candidates of the Campaign for New Leadership, formed to oust the iconoclastic Mr Mears and his sympathisers from office. Speaking in the wake of a hitterly fought campaign, Mr Girling said: "We must put behind us the intense and and sincere disagreements of recent weeks." Patricia Wynn Davies

The Treasury has used a series of big arms projects to avert the threat of a Government defeat tonight over the £1.6bn sale of armed forces quarters. Ministers have denied any direct link between the sale of the estates and weapons orders. But senior Tory sources said last night that leverage had been applied to the Secretary of State for Defence, Michael Portillo, by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, who has fold Mr Portillo a decision cannot be reached on the orders until the homes sale vote is settled. A Cabinet committee has stalled the decision on the £2bn replacement of the Nimrod surveillance aircraft for a formight. It is expected to reach a decision on Thursday, along with orders for a new missile, which could produce thousands of jobs.

Labour will force a vote on the sale of the Ministry of Defence homes tonight in the Commons, and tabled a motion in identical terms to one supported by 65 Tory MPs to maximise the rebellion. But the Tories have been under intense pressure by Mr Portillo and senior colleagues not to vote with Labour, which has whittled the rebels down to 22. Colin Brown

The embattled Dean of Lincoln Cathedral, the Very Rev Brandon Jackson, has written to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey. to protest that Dr Carey held a press conference earlier this month to discuss his efforts to persuade him to resign. Dr Jackson returned yesterday from a fortnight's holiday, on which he was considering his future, and immediately issued a statement saying: "As a result of the flurry of publicity surrounding the statements of others during my absence. I have returned to mountains of letters urging me not to resign. However, people familiar with his thinking suggest that he may finally be preparing to leave his post after seven years in office, during which he has survived a full-scale trial for adultery with Verity Freestone, a former verger at the cathedral, and striven mightily to rid the cathedral of its Sub-Dean and treasurer, Canon Rex Davis. Andrew Brown

Doctors are spearheading a new campaign to cut drink-driving by ughtening up the blood-alcohol limit, and introducing random breath testing, which they claim is a strong deterrent for persistent drink-drivers. The launch of the campaign coincides with the Government's summer offensive against drink-driving, details of which will be announced today.

The British Medical Association, backed by health and safety groups. vesterday called for the alcohol limit for drivers to be cut from 80mg per 100ml of blood (equivalent to about two pints of ordinary bitter, or four glasses of wine for a man, and half that for a woman) to 50mg. Liz Hunt



The father of ecstasy victim Leah Betts (above) said yesterday that drug education should be started in primary schools, as new research revealed that nine out of ten teenagers were ignorant about its effects. Paul Botts, whose daughter died after taking a tablet at her 18th hirthday party at her home in Latchingdon, Essex, last November, said children should he given

the "total truth" about drug taking "very early".

The survey of 5,000 14- to 18-year-olds found that many were unaware that taking ecstasy could be fatal and almost half did not know that it could cause death at any time, not just the first time it was taken. In Britain, more than 500,000 people are said to use the drug each week. Glenda Cooper

Following our article of 8 July about the electronic cash scheme in Swindoo, its operators. Mondex, ask us to point out that the pilot is still continuing in

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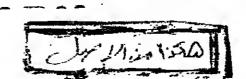
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OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTIONS



## sex, money, class, cricket - and death

Imran Khan was not the only big hitter. There was Colin Moyniban, a former Tory sports minister and Olympic rowing medalist, fighting for his late half-brother's peerage against those springing from the deceased Lord Moynihan's sleazy past: Daniel, five-year-old son of a Filippina belly-dancer, and Andrew, seven-year-old child of another of his

himself against those who want to disqualify him as a company director. But, like the ongoing saga of an attempted takeover of Leeds United Football Club, it was adjourned. Likewise, the Mousetrap of the court's daily theatre, the McDonald's libel trial, Britain's longest ever, took a day off.

Litigation is the lifeblood of these

the judges who settled the land disfinest, George Carman, street-fight- to the drama." er, representing the elegant Khan, and Charles Gray QC, patrician, representing bad boy Botham,

"A libel action," one defamation

traits, known as "The Fire Judges", on a stage production. The only difference is that you doo't have a script putes after the Great Fire of Loodon for the witness. You never know in 1666. Today, the celebrities are bar- what your actors will say. It gives risters. In Court 19 are two of the colour, uncertainty and a serious edge

> And yesterday, Gray, like a formulaic Greek playright, set out the plot and moral of his tale as he laid

tampering, race and class.

And last night, Howard Law-Thompson slept with more hope. He was sentenced to life imprisonment after he confessed to the police that be tried to kill his mother with a cleaver. But, yesterday, Sir Louis Blom-Cooper QC, one of Britain's leading mental health law experts, out the rules of cricket and Khan's told Court 7 how the 17-year-old had

Terry Venables was down to defend courts. In the Great Hall are two por- lawyer said yesterday, "is like putting "offensive" accusations about ball- been interviewed without the required responsible adult, even though he had been diagnosed with adult antism. His appeal continues.

At the end of the day's business, 4.30pm, Imran, Botham, Jemima, Sir Louis and Alan Bell streamed out of the Royal Courts into the sunlight. In the cloistered calm left behind, it would have been fitting for a line of monks to file out for Evensong.

Botham

steps up to crease for

libel battle



**CLARE GARNER** 

Ian Botham played a straight bat against his cricketing rival Imran Khan as he stood in the dock vesterday afternoon, denying that he was a racist and a ball-tamperer. The jury was well briefed on the lingo and acrodynamics of the game. harles Gray QC, representing Mr Botham and Allan Lamb. delivered an ABC guide to cricket - even though he admitted that his definition of a welfth man was wide of the

As the most expensive libel case in cricketing history got un-der way at the High Court, Khan revealed a fresh line of attack on England's record-breakng all rounder. It emerged that just last week Khan's defence team had announced it was making fresh allegations this time of hall-tampering by Botham - and that il would be showing video footage of the two offending occasions, one during Pakistan's first innings in the Test match at Lord's in 1982 and another in the first innings of the Test match at the Oval in

the same year. is suing Khan, the tectotal. Oxford-educated former Pakistan captain, for allegedly suggesting that he was racist, not properly educated and of inferior social standing. Both men are supported by their wives, Kath and Jemima respectively, who sat heside their husbands for the

divorce on the basis of his

wife's unreasonably lively social

life. He said: "The respondent

behaved badly, ie staying out

late at night and drinking heav-

ily. Tension grew between us and

she left in July 1992. I have not

In circumstances that re-

heard of her ever since."

he had had two children.

she is to relinquish the title.

Palace yesterday, and is ex-

pected to go on holiday to

France with the Duchess of

York this week with their chil-

Asia, watching a military parade

outside Somerset House and re-

called their street parties for the

royal wedding, there was little

left to celebrate. Judith Wood-

ford, 53, a physiotherapist from

St Albans, Hertfordshire, said:

"It did seem like a fairytale then,

we were so excited, and now it's

flected the Waleses until 1993. The saga began in 1994. In a when they formally separated, dramatic interview with one couple said: "We have lived Shekhar Gupta, senior editor of separate lives in the same home India Today, which took place for some time." Another wife in the magazine's London buexplained how her husband told reau, Khan is quoted as saying: her he had been staying with a There's a lot of racism here. woman in Ivory Coast, by whom When Bob Willis and Freddie Trueman were tearing the heart Perhaps the only real differ-ence between the royal couple of Pakistan batting we never heard an outcry ... Australians and the other petitioners was can get away with anything because they are white. There's a their divorce settlement. lot of racism in this society. Look at people such as Lamb Princess Diana will receive £1m for each year of her marriage to Prince Charles, but her apand Botham making statements pearance as HRH on the court like I never thought much of him anyway and now he's been list may be the last time, since proved a cheat'. Where is this The Princess at Kensington

hatred coming from?" Khan allegedly went on to say that England suffers from a "class problem". He pointed to the difference in class and updren, while the Prince was in bringing between education "Oxford types" like Tony Lewis. as part of the Sultan of Brunci's 50th birthday celebrations. Christopher Martin Jenkins and Derek Pringle), and others like "Lamb, Botham and Truc-For passers-by who paused

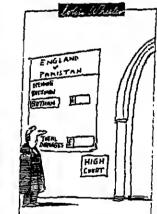
Rolling a cricket ball in the palm of his hand, Botham told the court had he had first read Khan's accusations in the Independent, "Anger" he said. "I was just very screwed up inside. I couldn't understand what this

#### Khan y Lamb and Botham

was about. I thought we'd got rid of the day of amateurs and professionals. To me it's open to anyone to play. It's not an élite sport." Botham described his background, of which he said he was "very proud". He left his secondary modern school in Yeovil, aged 15, to play cricket at Lord's and appreciated the sacrifices his parents made on his behalf. His mother would be very upset to hear the exact nature of the accusations, "and

rightly so," he said. Racism was something he had fought all his life. He wasn't hothered whether a player was green and yellow with red spots and comes from Mars." He recalled a time he had in-tervened, when Viv Richards, the former West Indian captain. was called a "black bastard" and explained how he left his home county club of Somerset in protest over its treatment of Mr Richards and Joel Garner, both Afro/Caribbean players.

But despite the seriousness of the occasion, Botham wasn't The two cricketing legends averse to cracking jokes. The irare battling it out over racism. reverent moment elicited a rip-



ple of laughter from the public gallery, while Khan and his pregnant wife, Jemima, fixed their adversary with a steely stare. When he asked whether he was "fussy" about who he shared a room with on tour Botham replied "Derek Randall [the Nottinghamshire and England batsman] could have been a worry. He's snores like hell. But apart from that, not at all." He had shared with coloured people on many occasions, he added.

On the subject of fair play, he said you could stretch the laws of the game "to a point" - but only so far. Tampering with the hall was alien to him, he said. "I've never lifted the seam, not even in the nets."

And as for explaining the phrase "looking after the ball a bit better" he said wearily "I understand it [the phrase] a bit bet-

ter now. The case continues,

## Royal divorce just another sorry case

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#### REBECCA FOWLER

The judge adjusted his yellowing wig for what might have been another ordinary day's business in the divorce courts a nurse, a housewife, a railway signal engineer and a serving prisoner were among the petitioners on his list.

But then history was made as the clerk came to the 31st case and read out, in the same steady voice, the names of their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales. As the sun streamed through

into the small, pale green room, and 29 journalists packed the usually empty public benches, it seemed more like the perfect day for a wedding. But 15 years on, the famously tortured marriage of the heir to the throne, was finally being undone in Court One at Somerset House, London.

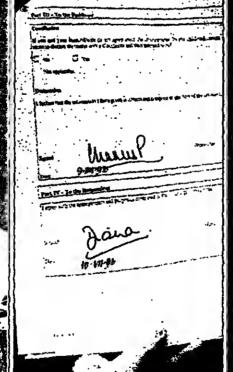
For a fee of £80, the couple, who like all the other petitioners were not in court, were granted a decree nisi. In six wheks and one day. Prince Charles, who initiated the divorce proceedings on the grounds of "irreconcilable differences", will apply for the decree to be made absolute and for an additional £20, the fairytale will be officially declared null and void.

Despite their historic status, the proceedings yesterday lasted a mere three minutes. Senior House, which processes 9,000 age of the smiling wedding District Judge Gerald Angel has divorces a year, summed up the party, while thousands lined

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acquired a unique royal role in recent years, having also given Princess Anne, Camilla Parker-Bowles and the Duke and Duchess of York their divorces in the same court room.

Robin West, the manager of the Family Division of the High Court, based at Somerset mechanics of the procedure: "To all intents and purposes, it's a

hit of a non-event."

It was impossible not to recall that perfect summer's day 15 years ago, the somewhat lengthier ceremony at St Paul's Cathedral, watched by 100 million people, and the famous imthe streets to take part in the royal fantasy.

mented the royal couple tess cheerfully as a mirror of the nation - dysfunctional and unhappy. The reasons given by the other 30 petitioners on the case-list for the breakdown of their marriages echoed many of

mares about the respondent. I aru still nervous, lucking in selfesteem and depressed because of the respondent's cruel behaviour towards me. I was prescribed Prozac and other anti-depressaots. A husband had petitioned for all over."

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the horrors of an unhappy mar-

riage: "I still suffer from night-

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Precisely because he is at pains to give Freud the benefit of the doubt at virtually every turn, he is arguably the most devastating critic of them all' ANTHONY CLARE, SUNDAY TIMES

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## **Forces** pay to be linked to skills

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

Defence chiefs are planning to introduce performance related pay into the services as prospects for promotion decrease, senior defence sources revealed vesterday. As the forces get smaller, there will be less chance for promotion - the traditional way of rewarding good performance.

The forces have accepted the idea that, as in many areas of civilian life, pay bands should overlap the different ranks, so



Michael Portillo: Decision

that people with special skills and experience can be paid more even if promotion is not available.

The recommendations have to be approved by Michael Portillo, the Secretary of State for Detence, and a formal announcement is expected in the next few months.

The plans are based on last year's recommendations by Michael Bett, the former deputy chairman of British Telecom who conducted a radical review of armed forces' pay and conditions. Most of his recommendations have been thrown out, notably plans to "flatten" the hierarchy by merging certain

tion accepted was the abolition of the "five-star" ranks of Admiral of the Fleet, Field Marshal and Marshal of the RAF. But Mr Bett's proposals to merge major-generals with lieutenant-generals and full colonels with hrigadiers, and their Navy and RAF equivalents, have been ditched.

With the Army reducing its personnel to 100,000 by the end of the century, the Air Force to 60,000 and the Navy to 44,000, fewer units, aircraft and ships, and more tasks shared between the services, the number of va-

Mr Bett is known as a keen ing rate for the job.

The working group rejected Mr Bett's recommendation that the right of service personnel to draw a pension from the age of posal caused an outery within the armed forces as this right was seen as vital to help people set-ting up in civilian life while they might still have young children.

cancies for people in the top ranks is diminished.

advocate of performance related pay. His recommendation is seen as helpful as the services become even more technical, and face difficulty retaining highly qualified specialists such as electronic warfare experts, computer, signals and aviation engineers and pilots. The working group on the Bett report, made up of senior military officers and civilian officials, has recommended these staff be paid something closer to the go-

40 should be abolished. The pro-The group strongly recom-mended the right be retained.

The sources also confirmed that the Army Board had rejected the idea of recruiting women into the frontline but was looking at greater opportunities in all the other branches of the service, including artillery and engineers, where women already do some jobs. The Prime Minister will also Belfast today. But the Irish are women already do some jobs. I meet Ulster Unionist and deeply concerned by the threat

Ulster on the edge: Ministers struggle to salvage the peace process amid party acrimony

The funeral cortege for Dermot McShane, who was killed during rioting in Londonderry last week, passing through the city's Bogside area yesterday

## Review of Ulster marches ordered

**COLIN BROWN** Chief Political Correspondent

A review of marches in Ulster was ordered yesterday by the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Maybew, in an attempt

to defuse the explosive tensions over the marching season in the province. In a separate move, Sir Patrick Mayhew agreed to Irish pressure for an urgent meeting with Dick Spring, the Irish Forelgn Minister, to thrash out the deep-seated differences be-

tween the two governments. The Prime Minister will also

talks process in Ulster alive.

The Irish Government will demand that the review of the marches - with the prospect of a commission to vet the route and size of processions - should be independent, and be brought in as an emergency measure to deal with Orange parades next

Dublin and London will underline their determination to rescue the talks process, with another meeting attended by the democratic parties in Belfast today . But the Irish are

SDLP leaders in the next few of the Apprentice Boys to stage days in an attempt to keep the a march in Derry on 12 August along the same route as a march' in 1969 led to deployment of the

Army on the streets. Sir Patrick made it clear in a statement to the Commons that he would use the talks, expected to resume on Thursday, to rebut the "quite unjustified and unwarranted criticism" by the Irish Prime Minister, John Bruton, of the decision to allow the march in Drumcree to go ahead, which rekindled violence

across the province. David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, came in for sharp Commons criticism for his role in the Orangemen's protests. Mo Mowlam, the Labour spokeswoman, had talks, saying this allowed Sinn been urging an independent review of the marches on the Government for some time and reiterated her call. David Steel, for the Liberal Democrats, accused Mr Trimble of saying, in effect: "There is a crowd: I must follow it."

At a hurriedly arranged press conference, Mr Trimble said Drumcree was in his constituency and it was inevitable he would be involved.

MICHAEL STREETER

Protestant families are being intimidated into leaving their homes and Unionist buildings without proper police protec-tion, the Reverend fan Paisley claimed vesterday.

The Democratic Unionist Party leader also called on the new Peace Forum to look into the issue of Orange parades in the run-up to the "next great crisis point" of marches to be held on 12 August.

Paisley bitterly attacked the SDLP and its leader John Hume for "resigning" from the Forum and running away from Nationalist protests.

Friday 19 July, calling for the establishment of a special committee to examine the contentious issue of public order at parades," he said.

Such a committee, he said,

for Orange parades

ditional Orange parades. Rev Paisley said he would be meeting Northern Ireland Sec-

At a hastily convened press conference the Reverend

"We have tabled a motion for

should report before the Apprentice Boys' marches occurred next month, and review the province's public order laws

retary Sir Patrick Mayhew this morning and demanding that the SDLP rejoin the Forum. "Otherwise they will be scup-pering the talks,"he said. As Nationalist protests con-

Paisley waves baton

tinued, Rev Paisley highlighted attacks on Orange Halls and Protestant homes and monuments. In one case in Co Tyrone, he said, a Protestant had telephoned him to say his house was surrounded by Nationalist protesters and that the police had told him they could not attend - and simply advised him to leave his home.

He said Protestants were McShane who was killed during rioting at the weekend. Mr McShane, a former member of the INLA, was crushed by an army vehicle during rioting early on Saturday morning. He was huried in the city's cemetery yesterday. His funeral in Londonderry, which was attended by 1.000 people including John Hume and senior Sinn Fein rep-

resentative Martin McGuinness, passed off peacefully. The aftermath of the upsurge of violence in the province has come as a bitter blow to members of the community who had grown hopeful during

the ceasefire. Catholic priest Fr Con McLaughlin said at the Long Tower Catholic Church in the city he had never seen the community so depressed "almost to the point of despair". He appealed for calm on all sides.

Unionist para-militaries self-imposed ceasefire.

which posed a threat to the tra- Protestant homes have been attacked in Newtownbutler, Co Tyrone, and in Newry and Newastle in Co Down, where one family had to flee their home via the beach.

The attacks mirror last week's events when many Catholics, including 40 in north Belfast, were intimidated out of their houses by Loyalist mobs. A police source said: "We

bave now seen Protestant homes and businesses targeted in the same way as Catholics were last week." The province was relatively

quiet yesterday, compared to the chaotic week following he Drumcree siege, hut in Beltast the morning saw 50 petrolbombs burled at the New were even more at risk after the Barnsley police station by funeral of Catholic Dermot Nationalists, while in Downpatrick youths threw 60 petrolbombs in bitter clashes with the security forces.

A taxi was set fire in Cookstown and in Armagh three BP tanker lorries were set ablaze.

Unusually, there was also Nationalist rioting in Enniskillen, where the day before a 1,200 lb bomb had ripped apart the Killyhevlin Hotel.

Police said it was still not clear who planted the device following denials from Republican Sinn Fein and the IRA.

David Ervine of the Progressive Unionist Party, who is close to Loyalist para-military thinking, said he was still "gloomy" about the future of the peace process, but said that the IRA's denial, though he did not necessarily believe it, was probably enough to keep Unionist para-militaries to their

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Alien risk: Deadly infections could be brought back by expeditions as reality mirrors science fiction, says former Nasa expert

## **Bugs from** space a threat to the Earth

**CHARLES ARTHUR** Science Editor

There is a timy but real risk that future space expeditions might bring back deadly microorganisms to Earth, as happeoed in the oovel The Andromeda Strain, according to an international group of space

John Rummel, formerly in charge of the planetary pro-tection program at the US space agency Nasa, said: "We don't know if there are organisms out there, so we have to

take precautions.' Now based at the Marine Biological Laboratory, in Massa-chusetts, be said that the odds of discoveriog sites where Earth-like life could grow had increased greatly. "It appears that life is a natural product of planetary evolution," he said. "So we have to be ready for sur-

An international space conference in Birmingham was told that Nasa had allowed insufficient time to design quarantine systems for samples returned from the Moon during the Apollo missions, leaving a risk of contamination being brought back. They spent \$24m ou something that, in the end, satisfied almost nobody," Dr Rummel said.

Such systems would have to be better designed when dealing with samples from Mars, which had a far greater poteotial for harbouring life, he said.

The space and life scientists reviewed plans in place to pro-tect the Earth from cootamioation by any life-form that space travel might reveal, whether on the Moon, Mars or eveo comets - which are

thought by some to have seed-ed life on Earth.

Scientists told the conference that 12 meteorites had landed on Earth from Mars, revealing that millions of years ago conditions on the planet could have allowed life to develop.

In The Andromeda Strain, by Michael Crighton, a space capsule returns to Earth having picked up a deadly micro-organism which subsequently kills almost all the inhabitants of a town. The problem for any real-life scientists battling against such an organism would be recognising it.

The scientists, who met yesterday in Birmingham at the start of a six-day conference which is expected to attract 1,500 delegates, are understood to urge a cautious approach in returning rocks and other sam-ples from Mars and Europa, one of Jupiter's moons. "Uotil we find life somewhere else, we don't really know what we know," Dr Rummel said.

Scientists have long been aware of the possibility that interplanetary life might be dangerous to human or other Earth life. But the worries about contamination of one planet by another also extend the other way: Nasa's designs now include precautions to ensure that life from Earth - such as bacteria - is oot spread to Mars by

spacecraft. Such contamination could easily lead to the ex-citing but false "discovery" of life on the planet. However, the risks from other worlds remain low. So far, the

only death caused by material from Mars is that of an Egyptian dog in the last century. It was hit by one of the 12 meteorites.



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The fear that aliens may not be good for us has a long history, forming the stuff of science fiction down the years - from The Quaternass Experiment in tha 1960s, in which one of the British crew of an orbiting rocket is transfigured into what looks like a molten tree on legs, through The Andromeda Strain in the 1970s, when a microscopic organism clots the blood instantaneously, causing immediate death, to tha forthcoming movie Independence Day, about an all-out attack by aliens against our world.

When tha aliens are friendly, the standard move is to depict authoritarian bodies, desperate to keep things secret. In ET and Close Encounters of the Third Kind, the aliens were friendly, and so were their bacteria. But the signs are that, if we do encounter life, we would do better to adopt a cautious approach, rather than take it immediately to our leadar.

## Little hope for Siamese twin girls

LIZ HUNT Health Editor

Siamese twins born with a single heart and sharing other vital organs are unlikely to sur-vive beyond a few weeks, doc-

tors said yesterday.
The twin girls, born last
Thursday at the Queen Mother's
Maternity Hospital, Glasgow, are joined at the chest and the abdomen and have severe liver, kidney and bowel abnormalities. The shared beart effectively

rules oot any chance of both twins surviving an operation to separate them. The parents, who have not been identified, have said they would only agree to separation if there was a good chance for each baby to enjoy

a reasonable quality of life.

The babies, born four weeks early by Caesarean section, weighted 11th and are being ventileted and feet interception. tilated and fed intravenously in the hospital's intensive-care unit. Both bave been baptised and their mother was able to hold them the day after delivery.

A detailed investigation of their conjoined state has oot been possible because of their poor condition, Dr Barbara Holland, a consultant paediatrician, said yesterday. She said they may survive days or even weeks, but their outlook was "very poor".

They have very severe illnesses and it's doubtful they will survive very long. They have ab-normalities of several of their organs," Dr Holland said.

The mother of the twins, a woman in her thirties from central Scotland, who has other children, was unaware that she was having two babies until the day before their birth.

She had undergone an ultrasound scan at her local hospital because doctors thought she was large for her stage of pregnancy. Wheo conjoined twins were identified, she was referred to Glasgow for confirmation and doctors decided to deliver the babies immediately.

A spokesman at the hospital said yesterday that the woman had had a routine scan at 8-12 weeks of pregnancy and no problems were identified. It appears that another routine

## Shared bodies, different lives

Conjoined (Siamese) twins are identical twins who have failed to separate completely from a single fertilised egg. in Britain in the 12th cen-Tury, Mary and Elisa Chulkhurst from Kent, joined at the hip and shoulder, are reputed to have lived until the age of 34. The first-recorded Siamese twins io modern times - and the best known - were Chang and Eng born in Thailand (for-

merly Siam) in 1811. Until their death in 1993 at the age of 43, Yvonne and Wette McCarther, from Los Angales, were the world's longest surviving Slamese twins. Joined at the head and shar-Joined at the flead and shalling the same circulation, they toured in a travelling freak show before training as children's nurses in their 30s.

Chloe and Nicole Astbury were the most recent British Siamese twins, born on 14 September last year at St. Many's Hospital, Manchester.

They were joined from the breast bone to the navel and underwent an operation to separate their bowels in the first few weeks of life. Completa separation was planned for sometime in their first year, but the girls died from a bowel disease.

scan at 16-20 weeks did not take place - some women decline this - and apart from her size, there were no indications that the pregnancy was abnormal.

Dr Gavin Hanretty, who with Dr Allan Cameron delivered the children, said the delivery was well planned and "pretty straightforward in the circumstances". It took about 40 minutes. He said the parents were very anxious but were receiving support from hospital staff and their own family.

They have been kept fully informed and have had a lot of cootact with their children .... [the mother] appears to be remarkably well under the circumstances," he said.



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The Dalai Lama brings a note of Buddhist peace and harmony to Britain



Peace in our time: The Dalai Lama in London at the start of a week in Britain promoting 'Peace in Action'; in his public talks to be given in London end Manchester he will stress the need for individuels to work for peace and to keep a sense of 'universal responsibility'

# Lone MP says 'no' to that £9,000 pay rise

ANTHONY BEVINS

Only one MP has so far told the Commons authorities that he. or she, wants to restrict their pay rise to 3 per cent, even though 170 MPs voted for that degree of restraint last week.

A spokesman for the House A spokesman for the rose of Commons Fees Office said yesterday that MPs had until the end of this week to limit their increase for this month's salary eavment. After that, it was likey that any voluntary cuts would come out of next month's.

Under the terms of the Commons resolution passed on MPs pay, the backbench salary goes up from £34,085 to £43,000. back-dated to 1 July - an in-crease of 26 per cent, or £445.95

pound. Chris Mullin, the Labour MP who was barracked in the debate when he called for restraint, said yesterday he would take a 3 per cent rise - just over £1,000 a year - and give away the rest of the £8,915 gross inстеаse. "I have had for some years a donations account, so for anything over 3 per cent. I will transfer it into that account and give it away," he said. " If I were to leave it with the Treasury, it would only be given away in tax

As announced last week.
Tony Blair, the Labour leader, is also exercising self-restraint after last week's vote, when he endorsed the Prime Minister's call for ministers and others to cuts to Tory voters. call for ministers and others to set an example.

John Major's idea of public with the Treasury. example does not extend to telling the public what he is going to do with the £17,340 increase he is due in his over £2,500.

a month after tax at 40p in the start of this month. The Prime Minister's office said that was

"a private matter". All ministers will get that in-crease, which comes from the rise in the parliamentary element of their pay from an abat-cd level of £25,660 to the full backbench rate of £43,000, unless they instruct the Treasur, to withhold the full amount.

The pace-setting - and public - example being set by Mr Blair could help them to make up their minds. He has decided that he will take 3 per cent of his overall salary of £65.992, which comprised £25.660 parliamentary salary and £40,332 salary at Leader of Her Majesty's Official of the salary and the s position. That means he will take an increase of just under £2,000, and leave more than £15,000

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## McCarthy joins attack on 'cruel asylum rules'

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

The former Beirut hostage John McCarthy yesterday joined bishops and opposition politi-cians calling on MPs to allow refugees three days' grace to apply for asylum after they arrive in Britain.

The suggestion that people who have been abused, and seen friends and relatives similarly abused and even murdered. should be capable at once of addressing bureaucratic minutiae to present a case for asylum, in an alien language, is both cru-el and absurd," he said.

In the Lords last week peers voted by a three-strong majority to allow asylum seekers three days to lodge an application. Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security, insisted he had to delete the measure benefits to people appealing against a refusal of refugee status. "If this were a minor amendment only affecting genuine refugees, we wouldn't seek to overturn it," Mr Lilley said.

Chris Smith, Labour's social security spokesman, accused Mr Lilley of misleading MPs about the effect of the Lords

to the Government to clarify the wording of the rules. "Many people who are genuine refugees fail to claim asylum on arrival in this country for perfectly good reasons. The last thing they are going to do is trust someone in authority, and tell a man in a uniform that they

fear persecution." Mr Lilley said on BBC radio: "There is no question of us taking away benefits from people who don't understand the minutiae of the bureaucratic procedures of claiming asylum. We will take away henefits from those who not only don't claim asylum, but who claim to be something other than asylum-seekers, such as businessmen or tourists who convince the immigration authorities they have the means to support themselves."

Dr George Carey, the Arch-Basil Hume, the Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, and the Rev Kathleen Richardson, the Moderator of the Free Churches Federation, yesterday urged the Government not to overturn the Lords amendment.

Mr Lilley said he respected the position of the church leaders, but added: "It is based on

## Wales finds its English fans

Things are bad in the principality. Nursery school pupils inhabit prefabricated classrooms which cover the playing-fields of Rhymney, mental patients roam Abertillery, residential homes are being closed from one end of Rhondda-Cynon-Taff to the other. Wales is a scene of almost Bihlical desolation after 17 years of neglect and despolia-tion. Thus spake the 20-plus Welsh Labour MPs yesterday, in their "questions" to the Sec-

retary of State for Wales. But the decidedly non-Welsh Conservative MPs who were also present had a strangely conflicting view of life west of the Severn. In their Wales, investment has reached record levels, new bridges and factories dot a landscape populated by well-educated and highly subsidised entrepreneurs, more patients are treated than ever - often before they know they are ill. The only bridge between these two worlds. Mr Michael Fabricant (a born adventurer who often travels all the way to Wales), could shed no light on this strange dichotomy.

He was concerned instead to have the existing bilingual road signs replaced with multicoloured ones - presumably so that he can tell when he has rossed the border. So we were left with the odd situation where those that actually live in Wales told us what a dump it was, and those who represent seats in suhurban north-west London portrayed the far-off land as a paradise - Eden with Koreans,

This may well explain a difference in opinions about what to make of asylum-scekers. Labour finds it hard to believe that anybody would come to this country unless forced to on pain of direst persecution. After all, they might end up in Wales.



#### DAVID AARONOVITCH

Tories know any foreign spiv worth his salt will make a becline for the honeypots of Britain. Thus the Government is busy crecting a barrier of stupendous proportions to prevent "bogus asylum-seekers' from staying here. And attracting a great deal of criticism from the bishops for so doing. Allied to the bishops are certain liberal Conservative hackbenchers of distinctly epis-copal micn; the lean and ascetic,

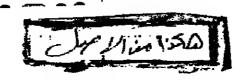
Church MP for Staffordshire South, Sir Patrick Cormack. Yesterday they came together with the grave Jack Straw and the samtly Liberal Democrat, David Alton, to try to shake the rock that is Anne Widdecombe,

evangelical Peter Bottomley,

and the more hulky High

Home Office minister. But Ms Widdecomhe is not casily shaken. Her centre of gravity is low and her resolve enormous. A devout and re-cently converted Catholic, she is the embodiment of muscular Christianity. It is not that she is unsympathetic to the poor, the weak and the downtrodden. Indeed, she prays for them. It is rather that she is far more worried by the work-shy, the

fraudulent and the criminal. With great efficiency, she dismissed amendment after amendment from those worried that genuine asylum-seekers might suffer from the Government's changes. As with Wales. it's all a matter of perception.





John Birt: Restructuring a question of economics

Birt stands firm against World Service backlash MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

John Birt, director-geocral of the BBC, yesterday stood firmly by his decision to dismember the World Service in the face of the growing backlash from staff and listeners.

Disaffected employees of the renowned radio service believe that its editorial independence will be abolished by his plans for the corporate restructuring. abruptly announced in June.

They argue that the quality of its news service will be remestic agenda.

They are also angered by his decision to stop the World Service making its own English language arts, business, drama, music, sport, science and religion programmes. These will be bought from the BBC's production division.

More than 1,350 staff have signed a petition to "save the World Service" and last month saw a lobby of Parliament on the

duced by the move to absorb its newsroom into the BBC news division dominated by the do-

But Mr Birt told a press conference that the restructuring of the organisation would go ahead as planned. We are going to have to continue to explain the considerable benefits which will come," he said.

Questioned about whether the reorganisation would lead to job losses, he refused to commit himself.

"People talk about the World

rating commissioning from production they have been conspicuously and demonstrably successful?

It was a question of economics, the director-general continued. The World Service, which has 140 million listeners. would face a £10m gap within the next couple of years between

income and expenditure. There is a major competitive change to the markets in which more flexible, loose-limbed structure for the digital age to allow it to adapt its services and make them ever more creative

- and their costs ever less. "We will take that argument to the doubters and to our own staff and in the end we will win it, because they are good and stroog arguments.

The fightback by the BBC's most senior staff continued last night when Sir Christopher Bland, the corporation's new chairman, defended the reorganisation in a speech to the Ra-dio Academy in Birmingham.

The World Service would retain its editorial independence and would continue remain "a separately managed directorate within the BBC, he told delegates to the conference.

"The authority of the World Service will not be reduced by the changes. John Birt and I have given an undertaking to the Foreign Office, and I and the Board of Governors would not agree to proposals which risked

any diminutioo in quality. "The World Service's programmes will remain distinct from those in other areas of the

BBC. There is no question of it being swallowed up by some homogenising BBC new machine." Sir Christopher added that it was "the one service which was mentioned to me time and time again by the 400 or so people

who wrote to congratulate me

when I became chairman. "The message was the same: Look after the World Service." It was not a question of "if it ain't broke, don't fix it," he continued. "I say: the World Service may not be 'broke' now, but we want to ensure that it doesn't become 'broke' in the future.

## issue, which the former head of Service like it's a statue in the it broadcasts and it needs a Asterix the hero goes back into battle

new children's book featuring the Gallic hero Asterix is to be published in October, two years after Asterix author and illustrator Albert Uderzo announced he was retiring and taking his creation with him.

Publishers Hodder and Stongbton, who will have a worldwide print run of 3 million and an initial run in the United Kingdom of 50,000, say that Uderzo was persuaded to change his mind following an Asterix convention attended by 3,000 British fans, at which he was guest of hooour.

The book, the 35th in the Asterix series, is the first new one for five years and, say the publishers, possibly the last ever. Though Asterix is sometimes thought of as a childhood hero for tweoty- and thirtysomethings, he is actually more popular today than ever before. More than 3.5 million books have been sold in Britain in the

last three years. Asterix the Gaul, created in Paris by the author and illustrator team Goscinny and Uderzo, is one of the greatest publishing successes ever. It started in the French weekly magazine Pilote, and worldwide book sales are now well over 25 million. Hodder and



Taking on the world: Illustrator/author Albert Uderzo with the valiant Obelix and Asterix Photograph: Rex

has also featured on CD-Roms

and CD-i language learning

sets. Uderzo, who is 69, was the

original illustrator of Asterix, but took over writing the stories as well in the Seventies when the

author Rene Goscinny died.

The new book was prompted by

the Asterix Convention to mark

the 25th anniversary of Aster-

ix in Britain in 1994. Uderzo was

so moved by the warmth of his

British admirers and their

pleadings for him to come out

Stoughton published the first English language edition in

Asterix and Tintin are the only European cartooo heroes to have been successful in Britain. The appeal of Asterix and his compatriot Ohelix staunchly resisting Roman in-vasion, and the crafty little villager outwitting a far mightier enemy force, has proved so strong that in opinion surveys he has proved to be more pop-ular than Mickey Mouse. He of retirement, that he finally

and Obelix returning to Britain. Peter Kessler, author of The Complete Guide To Asterix, disagrees, believing that in the new book the Gauls will reach China, one of the few countries they have oot yet visited.

Hodder Childreo's Books are making the most of the return of one of the perennial children's favourites with a marketing campaign which is to involve chartering a train from London for the day of publication to go to Pare Asterix, the French theme park just outside Paris to collect the book.

Oo hoard the "Asterix Ex-

started another book.

press", travellers will be issued with Gaullish passports, stamped oo board by a Roman legionary. When they arrive at Gare du Nord, travellers will be piped on to special coaches by Cacofonix the bard and takeo to the park, where Albert Uderzo will welcome them. A theme-park Asterix will accompany them back to Londoo with stacks of the books to deliver to the shops.

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Inspiration: Uderzo matches his cartoon action to the melodrama of The Raft of the Medusa, by Theodore Asterix the Legionary/The Complete Guide to Asterix by Peter Kessler, published by Hodder Children's Books Géricault

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## Where's Boris? Russian leader takes 'holiday' while US Vice-President waits to meet him, but still finds time to sack hardliner

## Yeltsin snubs Gore amid new health fears

TONY BARBER Europe Editor

Boris Yeltsin provoked fresh concerns about his health yes-terday by abrupily postponing a meeting with Al Gorc, the US Vice-President. The Russian president then appeared to show he was in full control and functioning normally by announcing a big shake-up of

his administration. The Kremlin stunned Mr Gore and his White House entourage by declaring at the last minute that Mr Yeltsin would not see the Vice-President until today hecause he had decided to take a holiday.

Mr Yeltsin. 65, who has a history of heart trouble, disap-peared from public view on 26 June, resurfacing only in prerecorded television appearances, despite being re-etected in momentous style on 3 July.

The line from official sources has varied. The President has been suffering from either a cold or a sone throat, or was simply in need of a rest after his gruelling election campaign.

Mr Gore was clearly flahhergasted by the postponement, which broke all protucol rules and was announced after a large group of US officials and reporters had already arrived at the Kremlin. He may also have heen shocked by the casual way in which Mr Yeltsin's aides

treated the extraordinary affair. Sergei Medvedev, his press secretary, was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying: "It is the most convenient time to rest and restore his health after a tense election campaign, more so because the weather in the Moscow region is good for

This explanation seemed almost flippant in the light of the attacks. treatment of Mr Gore, and it gave rise to speculation that, in avoiding the Vice-President for a day, Mr Yeltsin was express- appearance at his normal

pects of US policy towards Russia.

It is helieved that Mr Gore intends to raise two sensitive issues with Mr Yeltsin: the recent increase in Russian military campaigning in Chechnya, and Nato's determination to incorporate new members from central and eastern Europe.

However, from the US viewpoint, the meeting was always



Yeltsin last Friday: Aides say he needs rest

intended to be a friendly one, and Mr Gore is still expected to congratulate Mr Yeltsin on his re-election to a four-year term. Thus Mr Yeltsin's health and caprice remain the more likely

reasons for the postponement. The Kremlin switched the venue of today's meeting to Barvikha, the village and health care centre outside Moscow where Mr Yeltsin recuperated last year from his two heart

It was at Barvikha that Mr Yeltsin cast his ballot two weeks ago, rather than make a public ing disapproval at some as- polling station in western sackings of the hardliners.

Moscow. Mr Medvedev said the President had not had a full medical check-up since late last year and even refused in recent weeks to have his blood pressure taken. "It is very difficult for the doctors," he said.

Mr Yeltsin's ability to take important decisions appears unaffected, as was demonstratcd in a statement issued by his press office fewer than six hours after the postponement of the Gore meeting. It said that Mr Yeltsin had sacked a prominent hardliner, Nikolai Yegorov, as head of his personal staff and replaced him with Anatoly Chubais, a leading reformer and the architect of Russia's huge privatisation programme. Mr Yegorov's dismissal com-

pletes a rout of hardliners that began in mid-June with the sacking of Pavel Grachev as defence minister, Mikhail Barsukov as head of the Federal Security Service (ex-KGB), Oleg Soskovets as a first deputy prime minister representing the military-industrial complex, and Alexander Korzhakov as Mr Yeltsin's Rasputin-like head of presidential security. The complexion of Mr

Yeltsin's administration, which had taken on an increasingly conservative hue as the election approached, is reverting now to a more reformist colour following the victory over the Communist leader, Gennady Zyuganov. However, much power is concentrated in the hands of the centrist Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, and the national security supremo, Alexander Lebed, whose political opinions are unpredictable, but often illiberal.

Mr Chubais was the last outand-out reformer in the Russian government before being dismissed for tactical reasons in January. He played a decisive role in organising Mr Yeltsin's campaign strategy and finances, and he bad a band in the



Where's Boris? Al Gore, with a grim-faced Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin (left) looks bemused at the Kremlin yesterday Photograph: AP

#### In sickness and in health: How the Russian president has fared in power

weeks' rest after aides said he had suffered minor no other health problems."

the President has a heart condition, but he when an airliner crash-landed. reappears 24 hours later in good spirits.

said he was working; the media said he was drunk. a police marching band. . the President's health is good," adding that doctors plane to meet the walting irish Prime Minister duit. Afterwards, Yeltsin eff recommended he use an exercise bicycle. In a stopover at Shannon airport. Aides said he had cancels three trips.

speech that scandalises parliament. An opposition, ing with President Bill Clinton. Leaving the plane in deputy says: "The President was dead drunk, He's Moscow, Mr Veltsin said: "Loverslept." 

October 1991: President Veltsin ordered to take two problems - tiredness and lack of sleep. There are: April 1995: A spokesman says the President sufheart problems:

September 1993: A bad back prompts Yeltsin to sporadic muscle weakness.

January 1992: Yeltsin falls to meet Japan's foreign invite to Moscow a Spanish surgain who operated July 1995: Yeltsin goes into hospital for two weeks, minister. Tokyo news agencies quote aides saying on him in Spain in 1990 for spinal problems caused followed by a fortnight in a sanitorium, with any

February 1992: Yeltsin tells French television: "I have President has cirrhosts of the liver. Aides deny it." riever had any heart trouble. Every day I have a cold. August 1994: Yeltsin, visiting Berlin to mark the tie-

March 1993: A dishevelled Yeltsin gives a halting a slight indisposition due to the pressures of a meet-

fers from high blood pressure which can cause

ischaemic heart condition - a blood supply problem. March 1994: Two former Russian diplomats say the October 1995: In hospital again. Doctors say it is the ischaemic heart condition. He moves to the sanatonum a month later and leaves on New Year's Eve. shower – I am in very good shape. parture of Russian troops from Germany, appears un. February 1996: Yeltsin launches a vigorous re-elec
April 1992: The President misses a meeting with steady after a champagne lunch and gives an tion campaign. But he has lost his voice and speaks then US Treasury Secretary, Nicholas Brady, Yeltsin impromptu performance, energetically conducting with a croak. He campaigns non-stop and shows no. parture of Russian troops from Germany, appears un- February 1996: Yeltsin launches a vigorous re-elec-

signs of health or drinking problems. May 1992 iter Tass news agency says. "On the whole, September 1994: The President fails to leave his, 16 June 1996: First round of presidential elections. Afterwards, Yeltsin effectively stops campaigning and

28 June 1996: Yeltsin misses a Kremlin meeting with farmers. Aides blame a sore throat and say he is doing paperwork at his country residence. December 1994: Yeltsin has a minor operation of: 4 July 1996: Yeltsin returns to Kremlin and his press

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## 60 Hindus die in festival crush

MOHAN NARVARIA

Ujjain - At least 60 people were trampled or suffocated to death and scores injured in stampedes in India early yesterday when Hindu worshippers gathered to celebrate a new moon festival.

Some 39 people, including five children, were killed and 35 injured in Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh state as a crowd of devotees tumbled over each other down a narrow staircase inside a temple complex.

Most of the victims died of suffocation. A few were gored by trampled underfoot as they

bamboo and steel wires as they were thrown against a temporary barricade which had been erected around the main area of worship inside the temple.

Twenty-one others, including 18 women and one child, were killed and 40 seriously injured when devotees rushed to bathe in the River Ganges at the boly northern town of Hardwar.

Eyewitnesses in both towns hlamed the authorities for the accident, saying precautions to prevent crowd surges were madequate.

Officials said dozens of the 200,000 devotees at Ujjain were

raced down marble steps to a Thousands of devotees,

mostly farmers, had gathered on Sunday night to ensure early entry into the temple.

"It's tragic. Most of them had come to thank God for the rains," said the Ujjain commissioner, PS Tomar. Several of them were seen

dancing and singing in praise of God as they queued up in front of the temple gates," he said. Some devotees carried on with their rituals until evening, hut most of Ujjain's residents

were in shock.

21 victims were crushed to death in a stampede on an overcrowded hridge, which was being used by more than 2 million devotees who had gathered to

take a dip in the Ganges river. The often frenzied worship by throngs of Hindus has led to tragedies in the past. In 1992, a stampede in the southern town of Kumbakonam during a religious holiday killed 50 people.

The worst stampede recently was two years ago at a demonstration in Nagpur of tribespeople demanding job quotas About 120 people were killed and 500 injured when police tried In the incident at Hardwar, the to break up the demonstration.

## It's torrid work keeping a beady eye on these Afghans

Afghan Ariana Airlines Flight FG 315 from New Delhi to Jalalahad is a Boeing 727 - but not the kind that carries an in-flight magazine. The female passengers are shrouded in the Afghan burga, the cabin crew are mostly bearded, and the cardboard packet of lychee juice is stained with mud. Since the pilot's English was a little rusty, the chief steward walked to my seat, crouched in the aisle beside me and - as if revealing a long-held military secret whispered into my ear: "We'll he flying at a height of 31.000 fcet." If only we had.

Approaching the old Soviet military airstrip at Jalalabad, the pilot turned almost 180 degrees, sending the blood pumping into our shoes, and touched down on the first inch of narrow tarmac - just in time to stop an inch from the end of the run-

way, Given the rusting Soviet radar dishes and the wrecked, tail-upended Antonov off the apron. you can understand why Jalaiabad Arrivals lacks some of the amenities of, say, Heathrow or

But it's more than just the runway. When I trudged through the heat with my bags. I found the bullet-scarred terminal empty. No immigration. No Customs. Not a single man with a single rubber stamp. Just six young and bearded

mixture of tiredness and suspicion. No number of cheery "Salaam Alcikum s" would elicit more than a muttering in Pashto from the six tacitum warriors. What was this alien, hatless creature doing here in Afghanistan with his brandnew camera hag and his canvas hold-all of shirts and newspaper clippings?'
Taxi?" I asked them. And

they tooked away from me. hack at the great blue-andwhite bird which had jetted so dangerously into town, I hitched a ride with a French aid work-

They seem to he everywhere. Jalalabad is a dusly brown city of mud-and-wood houses, earthen streets and ochre walls, with the characteristic smell of charcoal and horse manure. There are donkeys and stallions and Indianstyle "volo-" rickshaws and Victorian hicycles and the occasional clapperboard shopfront, Dodge City transferred to the subcontinent.

Two of Gulbuddin Hckmatyar's local guerrilla commanders who turned up for their haircut at the same time last month shot dead the harber and a couple of

Afghans, four of them holding other men before deciding who rifles, who stared at me with a was first in the queue for a regular shave. One-third of all the children in Jalalahad hospitals are victims of joy-shooting at weddings.

It doesn't put the agencies off. There is Save and the World Food Programme, UNDCP, Médècins sans Frontières. Madera, the International Red Cross, the Emergency Field Unit, the Sandy Gall Clinic for Orphaned Children, the Swedish Committee for Afghans, the UNHCR, and a German agronomist agency: and that's just the first few offices signposted off the highway

Finding the old Spin Ghar -While Mountain - Hotel is something of a relief. But, in the torment of midsummer heat, a roaring air-conditioner plays Calch-22 with me: to cool my empty double room I turn it on, but its tiger-like engine vibrates so loudly that sleep is impossiblc. When I turn to the only book beside my bed - Plain Tales from the Raj - the sweat runs down my arms and glues my fingers to the pages.

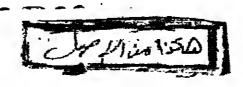
Then a rustle, a kind of faint, rasping sound comes from the silent conditioner. I sit up and, five fect from my face, I see the

dragon's head of a giant lizard looking at me from the cooled hars of the machine. When I raise my hand, the head disappears for a moment. Then it is back, a miniature armoured brontosaurus face that is followed now by a long, rubbery lorso, grey-green in the dim afternoon sunlight, and big sucking feet that grip the plastic airconditioning vents. Like an old silent film, it moves in jerks. One moment, I see its head. Then, at shutter's speed, half its length of heavily breathing rubberiness is out of the machine. A moment later, the whole half-foot of creature is suspended on the curtain above my bed, swaying on the material, alien and disturbing, looking back at me over its fortress-like shoulder.

What is it doing here? Then it scutters out of sight into the drapery.Of course, I switched the air-conditioner on, swamping the room with a rush of splitting cold air. And I curled up on the further hed and watched for movement at the top of the curtain rod.

I was trightened of this thing and it was frightened of me. O nly after baif an hour did I realise that the bright screws on the curtain rail were its beady eyes. With rapt attention, we were watching each other .

Robert Fisk



Bosnia elections: Block put on Serb Democratic Party until indicted leader stands down

## Poll delayed to drive out Karadzic

TONY BARBER Europe Editor

International organisers yesterday postponed the start of official campaigning in Bosnia's first post-war elections in a renewed effort to drive Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, out of politics and public life.

Robert Frowick, the US official in charge of the 14 September elections, said that he was delaying the start of the campaign until Friday to pro-vide time for solving the Karadzie problem. He emphasised that he would not allow Mr Karadzic's ruling Serb Democratic Party (SDS) to participate in the elections as long as the

criminal remained the SDS leader. The postponement coincided with a trouble-shooting visit to former Yugoslavia by Richard Holbrooke, the former US diplomat, who brokered last year's Dayton peace settlement.

US officials said Mr Holhrooke's priority would be to read the riot act" to Serbia's President, Slobodan Milosevic, who is widely viewed as having enough influence to secure Mr Karadzic's removal.

Mr Milosevic's relations with the Bosnian Serb leadership have been poor for more than three years, but he kept contact with Mr Karadzic and the Bosnian Serb military commander. General Ratko Mladic, also an

United Nations indicted war indicted war criminal. Mr Milo- week, and from Western gov- threats are increasing tension in sevic's aim appears to be a deal with Bosnian Serb leaders and the international community that would allow Mr Karadzic and Mr Mladic to slip quietly into retirement

> However, it seems unlikely that Mr Milosevic will secure any guarantees of non-prosecution from Mr Holhrooke, since that would fly in the face of US government policy and the ex-diplomat helieves firmthat the two Bosnian Serb leaders must stand trial. There is equally relentless pressure for a trial from the tribunal, which issued arrest warrants for Mr Karadzic and Mr Mladic last

while avoiding prosecution at the UN tribunal in The Hague.

emments whose Bosnia policies would be discredited if the leaders escaped justice with the West's connivance.

France said on Sunday that intended to ask the UN Security Council to authorise Nato forces in Bosnia to pursue and arrest indicted war criminals. Meanwhile, the ruling Bosnian Muslim SDA Party of the Bosnian President, Alija Izetbegovic, could boycott the elections if Mr Karadzie and Mr

Mladic stay in power.

However, the police chief in Pale, Mr Karadzic's political hase outside Sarajevo, has warned that the Bosnian Serbs will strike at Nato forces if the two leaders are arrested. Such

the run-up to the election and underlining the difficulties of ensuring it will be free and fair.

Western governments have insisted that the elections should go ahead in mid-September on the grounds that postponement could cause the Dayton settlement to unravel. However, with Muslim, Croat and Serb nationalist parties dominant in areas populated by Muslims, Croats and Sertis respectively, there is a risk that the elections will reinforce Bosnia's de facto partition and prevent the restoration of a uni-

tary Bosnia-Herzegovina. The chief aim of Mr Karadzic, who is still the dominant political figure in Republika

Srpska, the Serb-controlled sec tor of Bosnia, is to consolidate his region's "statehood" and prevent Bosnia's re-emergence as a common state. Since this aim is shared by most other Bosnian Serb politicians, and a sizeable proportion of the Bosnian Serb people, it may make little difference if Mr Karadzio

plays no part in the election. Another obstacle to the implementation of the Dayton accords is the dispute over the Serb-held corridor of Breko in northern Bosnia. The Serbs want the corridor widened to strengthen the link between the two halves of Republika Srpska, hnt the Muslim-led government wants the entire

territory for itself.

## SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Aftercules military cargo aircraft crashed yesterday at Eindhoven air-force base in the southern Netherlands, killing four and injuring dozens, Dutch television reported. The four-engine turboprop, thought to belong to the Belgian air force, crashed at around 6pm, but the circumstances of the crash were not immediately available. Eindhoven is the base for the Royal Dutch Air Forces Squadron 334 of the US-made Hercules. Eindhoven ~ AP

Admirers of Ethiopia's murdered emperor Haile Selassie announced they were setting up a memorial fund to give the "King of Kings" an honourable burial. The emperor, who ruled Ethiopia for nearly 50 years, died in 1975 after being suffocated in his bed by Marxist army officers, who overthrew him in 1974, according to evidence presented at their trial. Addis Ababa - Reuter

Nato has grounded military aircraft helonging to the Bosnian government after finding four anti-tank weapons and ammunition aboard a helicopter that should have been carrying passengers. A spokesman for the Nato peace force, Major Brett Boudreau, said the incident in the Muslim-controlled eastern town of Gorazde was a flagrant right for a far her on presponse outside closely monitored. violation of a han on weaponry outside closely monitored storage sites. Sarajevo - Reuter

long Kong faces a battle in persuading European nations to grant visa-free entry to Hong Kong people after China recovers the British colony on 1 July next year, after China recovers the British colony on 1 July next year, according to the colony's governor, Chris Patten. "There is quite a hill for us to climb in Europe," Mr Patten said on his return from meetings in Brussels with EU officials and a visit to London. Hong Kong and China are lobbying nations worldwide to waive visa requirements. Hong Kong – AP

Fran has tripled the number of missiles deployed on its Gulf coast, during the past two years, and is fitting Chinese-built cruise missiles on up to 20 of its naval boats, a senior US navy commander said. Vice Admiral John Scott Redd, Commander of the US Fifth Fleet and Commander, US Naval Forces, Central Command, said Iran's acquisition of radar guided C-802 anti-ship missiles was "a new dimension" in the regional naval threat. Dubai – Reuter

Acancellations and delays for passengers at airports across Italy, and unions announced a one-day stoppage for 8 August. Staff of companies which operate Italy's airports called the strike to demand new contracts for the sector ahead of the planned privatisation of some state-controlled airports. Rome - Reuter

A new administrator for the troubled Bosnian city of Mostar was appointed by the EU. A Briton, Sir Martin Garrod, former chief of staff to the EU administration in Mostar, replaces the Spaniard, Ricardo Perez Casado, who held the job for less than three months. Sir Martin's appointment runs until the end of the year, when the EU hopes to wind up its mission in the city. Brussels - AP

German soldiers upset by the march of sexual equality fare demanding that women recruits be made to wear olive-drab underwear - instead of "anything fancier in white". Male soldiers are complaining they only get Nato standard-issue in olive drab, Claire Marienfeld, Germany's first ombudswoman for the military, told *Der Spiegel.* "But the women get an allowance of 450 marks (£200) every three years for white underwear," she said. Bonn - Reuter



Washington

and he is running for president of the Teamsters. Now this is 1996, not 1957, and the Hoffa in question is not a ghostly apparition of the man abducted and presumed murdered by the

But, in more ways than just a name, his son James Hoffa jnr is seeking to turn back the clock at America's largest and most notorious labour union.

The Teamsters convention, which opened in Philadelphia yesterday, is the first since 1991, when the then obscure Ron Carey was elected president with the backing of the federal government - and a mandate to clean out a union whose mob links and corruption were a national and international by-

Mr Carey has been as good as his word. He has purged hundreds of officials, closed suspect local branches, and created a strong central office in Washington. Now one of the most influential figures in US labour, he was a prime mover behind last year's coup that installed the reformer John Sweeney at the head of a reinvigorated AFL-CIO, the umbrella organisation of the US union movement.

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But all is not well in Teamster ranks. A defiant old guard still resents Mr Carey's very presence, and accuses him of cabing in to employers in several



Jimmy Hoffa Snr: Last seen at a restaurant

recent contract agreements. Few defend the corruption presided over by Hoffa senior, who was last seen alive at a suburban Detroit restaurant in

Many, bowever, miss the power he and the union, then million strong, wielded.

Hence the opportunity for his son, a Detroit lawyer and Teamsters member for only three years, and referred to simply as "Iunior" by the Carey camp.
"Junior" claims to be a better manager and tougher negotiator, and vows to return power to the state and local branches.

Mr Carey says he has the sup-port to win, and a secret ballot of the 1,900 delegates on Thursday may prove it. But the final result will not be known until November, after a federally supervised postal vote of the 1.4 million rank-and-file members.

Measured against their extravagant past, today's Teamsters are a sober bunch. A former president, Jackie Presser, entered a convention in Las Vegas borne on a golden chariot and clad as a Roman senator, to chants of "Hail Caesar". Mr Carey has cut his own salary by one-third to \$150,000 (£100,000) and sold the union's

two private jets and limousine. Today, only one Teamster in 10 drives one of the trucking behemoths that rule America's interstate highways, and fully one-third of the union's members are women.



## The poor fall into growing wealth gap

358 billionaires own nearly half the planet's wealth

DAVID USBORNE

The world's rich are getting richer by the day, while the poor are getting poorer. Moreover, according to a new United Nations report, the wealth gap is widening not just as between different nations of north and south but within many of them. including Britain. Among the more startling

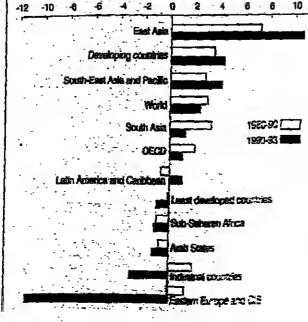
conclusions of the 1996 Human Development Report, prepared by the UN Development Pro-gramme (UNDP), is that the world's 358 hillionaires, including such notables as the Sultan of Brunei and Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, have more assets than the combined incomes of countries representing nearly half - 45 per cent of the planet's population.
"The world has become more

economically polarised," said James Speth, the UNDF administrator. "If present trends continue, economic disparities between industrial and developing nations will move from inequitable to inhuman." The eport, compiled by Richard Jolly, a Briton who is special acvisor to Mr Speth, will be published by the Oxford University Press tomorrow

In analysing trends within developed countries, the report singles out Britain and Australia for displaying growing economic injustice between the haves and have-nots. In both countries, the richest 20 per cent of their populations earn 10 times more money than the the poorest 20 per cent. The differential is almost as sharp in the United States and Switzerland.

Published annually since 1990, the report also offers what it calls a human development index (HDI), which ranks countries according to criteria that include quality of life factors such as access to health care, educational standards and basic purchasing power. This year Canada takes first position followed by the US, Japan, the Netherlands and Norway. Britain is ranked 16th, below many of its EU partners including France and Spain.

The focus of the report, how-ever, is on the worsening posi-tion of many of the developing countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. Eighty-nine countries are reporting lower per capita incomes than they were 10 years ago. Worst off are 19 countries where incomes are less than they were in 1960 or before. They include Liberia,



Rwanda, Sudan, Ghana, Venezuela and Haiti.

Among countries in the developing world. Hong Kong takes first place on the HDI followed by Cyprus, Barbados, Bahamas, South Korea and Argentina. Bottom place is taken This year the report adds a

capability poverty measure designed to take account of hidden factors that may he impeding the poor from pro-gressing up the economic lad-der. Those include the number of children under five who are underweight, the proportion of unattended births, the number of children in school and rate of female illiteracy.

Using this index, for instance, suggests that whereas in some south Asian countries like India, 29 per cent of the population may be living in poverty when income alone is measured, a much more significant 62 per cent is suffering conditions that make escaping poverty much more difficult.

The report also seeks to em-

phasise that economic growth in countries alone will not automatically translate into improved lives for their populations unless other policy measures to encourage economic equity are taken simultaneously. compares the contrasting fates of Pakistan and South Korea. Both countries had simdar incomes in 1960, but whereas Pakistan managed a primary school eurolment rate of just 30 per cent, Korea ensure that 94 per cent of its young attended primary education. That is one reason that the per capita gross domestic product of Korea grew to three times that of Pakistan over the next 25 years,"

the report argues.

Mr Jolly said: "Policy makers are often mesmensed by the quantity of growth. They need to be more concerned with its quality and to take timely action to prevent growth that is lopsided or flawed." He added: "It is increasingly clear that new international measures are needed to encourage national strategies for employment increasing and human development."

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## US aims to go behind North Korean lines

After years of hostility, Washington is to open an office in Pyongyang and forge closer diplomatic ties

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

Forty-three years after the end of the Korean War, the United States is close to opening a rep-resentative office in North Korea, the last of the old Stalinist regimes and one of America's few remaining Cold War enemies. The opening of a diplomatic office would mark a historic shift, after years of implacable hostility on both sides. According to officials of international organisations re-

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Korea, the US state department has already assembled a team of Korean-speaking specialists in Seoul, and is likely to open a liaison office in the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, by the end of the year. The two sides are already negotiating the small print of the agreement, including where the American diplomats will stay, and the consular protection extended to their families. The higgest obstacle appears to be South Korea: the announcement must be presented in such a way as to avoid humiliating the Seoul govern-ment which has resisted the in-

creasingly close ties between Washington and Pyongyang. The opening of the mission will be a coup for the North Korean government which has for vears been seeking closer ties with the US, since the collapse of communism in Russia and Eastern Europe deprived it of its trading partners and left it ideologically and diplomatically

In 1993, the North provoked a crisis when it refused to let international inspectors visit two mysterious sites suspected of housing a nuclear weapons programme. The ensuing diplomatic panic turned out to the North's long-term advantage: in return for replacing its suspicious nuclear technology with safer foreign reactors, Pyongyang was rewarded with interim supplies of fuel oil and opportunities to talk to American officials and technicians.

The US has always resisted Pyongyang's demands for direct peace negotiations, insisting that any revision of the 1953 Armistice, which brought to an end the Korean War, must be concluded between the two Koreas. But Pyongyang has been under increasing pressure since last year when disastrous floods last year caused widespread food shortages and

malnutrition, and raised fears that desperation might drive the North to some kind of military adventure. "In order to maintain stability." the US Ambassador to Seoul, James Laney, said in May, 'we need to begin now to build an edifice of positive relationships that can complement and take us beyond

deterrence." At a summit meeting in May. Bill Clinton and the South Ka rean President, Kim Young Sam, proposed four-way peace talks involving the US and China as well as the two Koreas. The US appears to be awaiting some kind of positive response to this proposal before pressing ahead with its plan to dispatch diplomats to the North, thus allowing President Kim to save face by claiming that he has brought his old enemies to the

negotiating table. Officially, the Pyongyang mission will be an "American Interests Section" in the Swedish emhassy, although it will be staffed by US state department officials and will perform many of the duties of an official emhassy, including the issuing of visas. The Swedish emhassy was recently scaled down after budget cuts and is heing restored to diplomatic strength to accommodate the Americans under a neutral flag. According to official sources, the Americans are hoping to reside in the former East German embassy.

Other subjects being negotiated include the route which the American emissaries will take from Seoul to Pvongyang. At the moment, travellers must take a detour via Peking, but discussions are in progress about opening the land border between the two Koreas. Another problem concerns the wives of the state department's diplomats: several of them are South Korean, whose presence in Pyongyang could, be diplomatically sensitive.

## **EU** threatens trade war over anti-Cuba laws

SARAH HELM Brussels

European Union foreign ministers yesterday prepared for a full-scale trade war against Washington, including the pos-sibility of blocking free travel from the US to Europe. The move towards sanctions forms part of an escalating dispute sparked by America's anti-Cuba

Among the measures dis-cussed in Brussels yesterday were retaliatory trade mea-sures against the US, freezing of US assets, and the imposition of visas for US businessmen visiting Europe. The EU has also discussed an appeal to the World Trade Organisation. However, foreign ministers

last night appeared unwilling to detail the weapons they will deploy before a decision from President Bill Clinton, expected late today, on whether to suspend the most controversial part of the legislation, known as the Helms-Burton Act.

In a rare show of unity ves-terday all EU countries rounded on the Act, which aims to squeeze Cuha by penalising foreign companies who trade with it. Under the law, Cuban exiles who have American citizenship, would be able to sue foreign companies in the US courts if they possess evidence that those companies have had certain husiness dealings with

the Castro regime.
In particular, Helms-Burton gives Cuban-Americans the right to sue foreign firms which deal in property expropriated after the 1959 revolution which brought Fidel Castro to power

The measure is the latest effort by the US to isolate Cuba economically. However. it has caused outrage in Europe and among Cuba's other trad-ing partners, such as Canada and Mexico.

Yesterday, Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, promised a swift response."We must react and must react today." he said. Mr Clinton has the power to use a waiver to suspend the part of the act which is most offensive to America's trading partners.

However, Mr Santer predicted yesterday that "it was more than likely the US will confirm

full implementation". Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said: "There is no doubt we are united in opposition to this." Herve de Charenc, his French counterpart, told journalists: "It is clear that this law is directly contrary to the rules which govern interna-

Although the EU looks certain to decide on joint sanctions if the waiver is not exercised, such joint action could take some time to take effect. An appeal to the WTO to arbitrate in the dispute could take months. In the meanting individual countries made clear yesterday that they would impose unilateral counter-measures against the US.

A decision to withhold visas from visiting US businessmen would be taken by individual countries, immediately lutting US interests and causing chaos for transultantic trade. Mr Rifkind and Mr de Charette are already considering enforcing national legislation under which US husinesses and assets could

he penalised. Britain may enforce the 1980 Protection of Trading Interests Act, which was specifically designed to block attempts by other countries to damage UK trading interests abroad. Under the Act. the British govern-ment could direct British citizens not to cooperate with demands from US courts over the anti-Cuba legislation. should those demands prejudice UK sovereignty.



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What is it like to have been born in a trunk? A trunk moreover belonging to one of the century's most endearingly dominant classical actresses? Few knew better than Christopher Casson, the younger son of Dame Sybil Thorndike and Sir Lewis Casson.

It was at once the best and, in some ways, the worst of worlds. For although the parents took an impressive and encouraging delight in all their children's activities and would never consciously direct their ca-reers towards the theatre, they themselves were so absorbed by it as leaders of their profession that however much they tried to steer them clear of its hazards their children and grandchildren usually got caught up in it.

Known always to his elder brother John as "Kiff" because his name was such a job to pronounce, young Christopher was also intended for the Navy, and duly went to the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth between the wars and became a mithipman in the Atlantic Fleet. But when he realised what active service might entail in combat he knew he could not go through with it; and so did his captain, who wrote to his parents: "I don't think your son is cut out for the Navy. I feel you should take him out of it or you may do him real harm."

So he was duly withdrawn. And soon found himself back on the classical stage. Back? Well. of course he was no stranger to the boards.

From infancy he and brother John would contribute to Shakespearean crowds at the Old Vic, in, say, Julius Caesar (at the age of three), or appear with their parents in Medea or The Trojon Women. It was part of their education, and the economy of theatrical life.

they would have to sit out front. Kiff was eight when his mother addressed them both one teatime on the art of Grand Guignol at which she and her husband were as adept as they were at Euripides.

What was Grand Guignol? Sybil Thorndike explained. It consisted of short plays: "There'll be lots of exciting murders and crimes and all sorts of other terribly quirky things. And everyone will be ter-rified. Then we'll do one or two funny ones in the middle to let them get their breaths back and then more horrors.

"Uncle Russell's going to come too and he can frighten anyone!" (This referred to her actor-brother Russell Thorndike.) "It'll be just like the plays he and I used to do in the attic when we were children. Lots of blood and agony!

"I'm not sure if we'll be able to let you see them all because you'll have awful nightmares. But you like being frightened a bit, don't you? it's such fun!"

So the hoys took deep breaths and watched their uncle being frightened to death in a darkened waxwork exhibition, their mother strangling a lecherous old colonel or heing strangled herself as a cocotte or crushed to death in a room with a hydraulic press for a ceiling or her lover being thrown to a pack of wolfhounds and her corpse being brought back to life by an electrical machine - all under the ingenious direction of Lewis Casson.

Were the boys intolerably scared? Only once. When their mother was being made into a corpse on one end of the telephone while her husband listened to its transformation

If the boys had no parts then ble through the pass-door

backstage.
After his return to civilian life, or rather the stage, Kiff enrolled at the formidable though motherly Elsie Fogerty's Central School of Dramatic Art at the Albert Hall.

Young Casson was to get a training for the stage such as any modern actor ought to envy; touring the United States for a year with the Sir Ben Greet company in Shakespearean repertory and Egypt, Australia and New Zealand with his parents in the classics.

he played Oswald to Sybil Thorndike's Mrs Alving in Ghosts, the Messenger to her Medea in Euripides' tragedy, and the Inquisitor to her famous St Joan; and even, when required hecause the scenery had not turned up, the south bank of the Loire in Act Three. Wrapped in a strip of canvas upstage, Casson silently suffered the actor playing Dunois to sit and stand on him until the wind changed in one of Shaw's best stage directions.

It was all good training but he seemed always to be acting under the shadow of his parents. So he did stints in rep at Liverpool, York, and Perth from 1933 to 1935 before returning to the Old Vic. where critics praised his Old Rowley in The chool for Scandal, his "beautifully played Gloucester" in King Lear, and the "exquisite delivery" of his Priest in the first entire performance in English of Peer Gynt.

But he was still acting "in the family"; and never more so than on a tour as the Hippolytus of Euripides with Syhil Thorndike (the Nurse), his sister Ann Casson (Phaedra) and his father directing and playing on the other, they agreed to various parts. Here his powers creep away as quietly as possion of dramatic speech came com-



Casson: "Flyaway tweeds and a butcher-blue shirt that made his eyes look as dazzling as his mother's

pellingly into their own, as they did again as the Third Priest in T.S. Eliot's Murder in the Cathedral (Old Vic, t937) which he went on to play in New York. Not until he auditioned in

London however in 1938 for Micheal Mac Liammoir and Hilton Edward of Duhlin's highly independent Gate Theatre Company, which prided itself on an international rather than Irish repertoire, did Casson feel at last a sense

of acting in his own right. The two Englishmen who had turned the Gate company into one of Europe's most fashionable troupes were looking for a sensitive actor to play the guiltridden suicidal son Orin in O'Neill's Mourning Becomes Electra, and a leading man for

When Casson appeared in flyaway tweeds and butcherblue shirt that made his eyes as dazzling as his mother's", they

younger rotes.

knew they had found the right man. According to the Irish Times, he could have passed for an Irish boy.

He could play the harp. He could sing Irish songs; and he took such delight in Duhlin life that he married an Irish stage designer, Kate O'Connell (Mac Liammoir was best man), was received into the Roman Catholic Church, and in 1946 became an Irish citizen, "My father was part Scottish and

my mother part Welsh. I've al-ways felt attuned to the Celtic tradition. As Mac Liammoir once re-

marked: "Christopher and Kay have a trick of looking at things through the eyes of childhood. Their work is intoxicated with gaiety as a bee is intoxicated with honey."
For the Gate or Duhlin's

Gaiety, Casson came into his own as Cassius in Julius Caesar, Worthing in The Importance of

Being Earnest, Macduff in Macbeth, Chekhov's Uncle Vanva. Captain Shotover in Heartbreak House, Gayev in The Cherry Orchard, Rosmer in Rosmersholm, Dr Wangel in The Lady from the Sea and (his voice more compelling than ever) the Messengers in the Oedipus of Sophocles and The Bacchae of Euripides.

Once or twice he returned to London. For example he proved one of the nicest Duncans to Alec Clunes's Macbeth and Margaret Rawlings's Lady M (Arts, 1950); and he acted from time to time at the Abbey and with the Gate company in

For the Duhlin Theatre Festival he played in the 1960s Bra-bantio to Mac Liammoir's Iago and the Afro-American William Marshall's Othello which went on to tour Europe; and in the 1970s he directed in Dublin several revivals of Shaw, ever the Cassons' favourite "modern" dramatist.

He became a familiar face on Irish television, especially as an affable rural person in The Ri-

atiable ritral person in The Riordans; and his films inctuded
Captain Lightfoot and Shake
Hands With the Devil.

Apart from teaching dramatic speech to Irish priests at
All Hallows' College, he gave harp recitals on the wireless, directed and recorded in 1963-64 the principal parts in 14 Spoken Arts records of Shakespeare: and only last year celebrated 80 years on the boards by dancing a nightly gavotte as Sir William Lucas in a Gate Theatre revival of Pride and Prejudice.

Adam Benedick

Christopher Thorndike Casson, actor: born Prestwich, Monchester 20 January 1912; married 1941 Kate O'Donnell (deceased; two daughters); died Dublin 9

## **Clifford Blumfield**

If, as many of us still believe, the Fast Breeder Reactor or a variant of it eventually comes good, the name of Clifford Blumfield will be honoured in the technical history of nuclear power. Blumfield was an enthusiast for the potential of Fast Breeder Reactors, though he never made fanciful claims, and scornful of the "cheap" power-round-the-corner brigade.

Members of Parliament, either under the auspices of party energy groups or those of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee, would go in groups to the Dounreay atomic establishment, near Thurso, escorted by Lord Penney, the chairman of the Atomic Energy Authority, and be welcomed hy Blumfield, first between 1968 and 1972 as assistant director of operations, then as deputy director until 1975, when he succeeded Peter Mummery to become director himself. He retired in 1987.

· William

It was crucial to Blumfield's unusual career that Penney knew him from post-war Harwell days where Blumfield had been a senior design engineer on Britain's first two Materials Test Reactors, Dido and Pluto. Penney thought highly both of Blumfield's engineering and teadership qualities. The work on Dido and Pluto proved to be of enormous importance to medical advance, providing radioactive isotope sources for

the treatment of cancer patients. When faced with numerous and vociferous critics of nuclear



Blumfield; nuclear energy

point out that it had given birth to diagnostic medical practices which benefited far more people than were ever harmed by nuclear radiation. Shortly after Penncy died in 1991 Blumfield said to me: "I owed him the seniority I attained in my career because, never forget, I was not a university graduate and the AEA abounded in brilliant graduates."

The 1970s was a time of hope and belief in which Britain led the world in Fast Breeder technology. From my visits to Dounreay one recollection of Blumfield stands out - that he was passionately concerned with safety and safe working practices and that, whatever the future of the Fast Breeder, there would be no lurking prospect of nuclear catastrophe. Practical engineer that he was, Blumfield inspired confidence that a disaster of enormous proportions could not occur on our own north coast -

though Dounreav had been sited where it was to mitigate the effects of any possible accident. At Downreay, eight miles

west of Thurso on the north-east coast of Scotland, Mummery and Blumfield gathered a talented team around them -Blumfield was a good chooser of people - and devised safety practices which were adopted throughout the British nuclear industry. His particular confidence in the Fast Breeder Reactor stemmed from the fact that the system did not depend on pressure vessels to the extent that the Magnox Reactor did, let alone the Soviet and early American systems. Before devoting himself to its cause, Blumfield had advocated the Canadian Candu system and was an admirer of the work of his Canadian colleagues at Chalk River, and the Pickering power station, both in Ontario. Clifford Blumfield pulled

himself up by his own proverbial boot straps. Educated at Ipswich Boys' Central School, he was apprenticed to the firm of Reavell and Co, to whom he was always grateful for a rigorous early training. In 1944 he gained a commission in REME (Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers) and saw service in Europe attached to the Royal Scots Greys. As soon as he was demobilised he went to Harwell and then in 1958 was posted to the AEA establishment at Winfrith in Dorset. There he worked on the design of the SGHW (Steam Generating Heavy Water Reactor) and lat-

Hannay), novelist, 1865; Roald

er on the Dragon project, a high temperature reactor financed by the OECD which went into operation in 1966 but was brought to a close in the 1970s long after Blumfield had left.

John Young, Convenor of Caithness District Council, said of Clifford Blumfield: "His openness and honesty and his ability to meet and mix with people of all walks of life endeared him to the people of his adopted country of Caithness. Blumfield gave the best years of his life to Dounreay, and the recent rundown hurt him deeply. While he contributed so much to the nuclear industry, his interest was far beyond that, and he often surprised me with how much he knew about mundane matters of farming and fishing."

Many senior managers on retirement desert a remote location. Not so Blumfield. He and his family fell in love with the Thurso region and Blumfield contributed to its social and sporting life both when he was working and in his retirement. I am told that he "introduced" squash and tennis to

Tam Dalyell Clifford William Blumfield, nuclear engineer: born Ipswich 18 May 1922; Assistant Director, Operations and Engineering, Doun-reay Nuclear Power Development Establishment 1968-72, Deputy Director 1972-75; Director 1975-87; OBE 1976; married Jeanne Bird 1944 (one son, one daugh-ter and one son deceased); died

Victoria and Albert Museum: Linda

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Thurso 11 July 1996.

## **Professor Clifford Parker**

Studying law with Clifford Parker was demanding, but it was never dull. Although he always encouraged students to participate in his lectures, and was courteous with their limitations or mistakes, the sheer power, speed and provisioning of his mind could be alarming. Moreover, he liked to let his enthusiasm for whatever he was teaching come across in a forceful style of delivery which he

preacher. Parker was one of that generation of gifted young people whose natural and expected progression from school to university and thence to a ghttering career was rudely interrupted by the Second World War. In his case the interruption marked him physically, but also matured his attitude, as he

would tater claim. At Cardiff High School his abilities in modern languages, and as a mesmerising spin bowler and sound hatsman, were particularly noted. On going up to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, he read Modern Languages in Part 1 of the Tripos, only turning to the study of Law in Part II, but continuing at postgraduate

influence of legal education through his work on the Education Committee of the Law Society, he was able without contradiction to insist on the value to the legal professions of a mix of graduate entrants, most having pure law degrees, but some with degrees in, or com-bined with, other disciplines. During the war he served

hwyl of a Welsh revivalist

This background had two significant influences on his later career, First, his linguistic skills allowed him to play a prominent part in the post-war development of international networks of academic and practising lawyers. Secondly, in his

with the Royal Air Force, where his fluency in German and himself often compared to the French caused him to be posted as a monitor of continental and naval radio communications to an isolated and desolate listening station on Cape Wrath in the north-west of Scotland. Here, the rigours of the North Atlantic winters led him to contract severe tuberculosis. This left him, after operations and many months in hospital, with only one, damaged, lung. Henceforward, normal physical exertions or rapid recovery from winter coughs

and colds - and at times even his faculty by 1957.

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things he could take for professions. granted as others do. He particularly regretled,

perhaps, the inevitable curtailment of his cricketing prowess. However, he said that the months of enforced reflection had given him a deep sense of what is important in life and what is not, of sympathy with the disadvantaged, but also awareness that suffering could be fought and overcome. No doubt this experience contributed to what his colleagues and students perceived as his objective wisdom in personal matters and legendary impartiality in administration.

On recovery, he married Christine Knowles in 1945, and was admitted as a solicitor in 1947. However, the academic bent of his intellect and his discovery of a love of teaching led him to abandon the full-time practice of law to become a lecturer in law at Birmingham University from 1951, rising to the roles of Senior Tutor and Assistant Director of Studies in

In that year he was appointed to the position for which he will be best remembered: holder of the Bracton Chair of English Law and Head of the Department of Law in the newly independent (1955) Exeter University. These positions he held with distinction until his retirement 25 years later. During this period his department grew, in terms of student numbers, to 10 times its origi-nal size, and from obscurity

breathing itself - were not to prestige with the legal

Parker served as Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Exeter University in 1963-65, and as its Public Orator in 1977-81. He was elected Chairman of the Society of Public Teachers of Law in 1974-75. He was appointed a magistrate in 1969, and sat regularly, mostly on the Exmouth Bench, for some 20 years. In 1978 he was appointed Chairman of the Supple mentary Benefit Appeal Tribunal for the Exeter area, in which he also continued after his retirement from the university.

Generations of Exeter law graduates remember with affection and gratitude his kindly but firm and all-pervasive leadership of his department. They also remember, mostly with some awe, the intellectual shock, stimulus, and excitement of his lectures in Contract Law to the first year, often the first classes experienced at university level.

David L. Perrott

Clifford Frederick Parker, solicitor and legal scholar: born Cardiff 6 March 1920; Lecturer in Common Law Birmingham University 1951-57, Senior Tutor and Assistant Director of Legal Studies, Faculty of Law 1956-57; Bracton Professor of Law and Head of the Department of Law, Exeter University 1957-85 (Emeritus), Deputy Vice-Chancellor 1963-65, Public Orator 1977-81; married 1945 Christine Knowles (two daughters); died Exmouth 5 July 1996.

#### Births, Marriages & Deaths

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MORRIS: On 8 July 1996, at Riverside Hospital, Ottawa, to Alison (uce Waring) and Richard, a daughter, Ju-

STEPHENSON: In Oxford on 10 July. to Lottie (née Hoare) and Jonathan, a son, Hamish.

DEATHS

AGAR: John Newton Agar, retired Reader in Physical Chemistry, Uni-versity of Cambridge, Fellow Emer-itus, Sidney Sussex College, husband of Delia Margarel Agar, Fellow Emerita, Newsham College, Died in Cambridge on 11 July 1996.

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#### Birthdays

Professor Anita Brookner, art his-torian and novelist, 58; Mr Alan Campbell-Johnson, public relations consultant, 83; Mr Phillip Carrick, cricketer, 44; Mrs Margaret Court, tennis player, 54; Mr Alan Donnel-ly, MEP, 39; Mr Frank Field MP, 54; Professor Sir Hugh Ford, mechanical engineer, 83: Sir John Freeland OC, former legal adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 69; Sir Charles Graham Bi, former Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria, 77; Mr Brian Howard, former deputy chairman, Marks & Spencer, 70; Miss Shirley Hughes, author and illustrator, 69; Baroness Llewelyn-Davies of Hastoe, Deputy Speaker, House of Lords, 81; The Ven Dr Harold Lockley, former Archdeacon of Loughborough, 80; Mr Thomas Megaby, MEP, 67; Mr Edward Miller, former Master of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 81; Sir Michael Morland, High Court judge, 67; Lord Prentice, former government minister, 73; Professor Sir Philip Randle, biochemist, 70; General Bernard Rogers, former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, 75; Mr Tom Rosenthal, publisher, 61; Mr John Warr, former president, MCC, 69; Miss Diana Warwick trade union leader, 51; Dr. Trevor Williams, scientific consultant, 75; Sir George Young MP, Transport Secretary, 55; Mr Pinchas Zukerman.

Anniversaries

Births: Andrea del Sarto (Andrea Domenico d'Agnolo di Francesco), painter, 1486: Joseph Wilton, scalotor, 1722; Sir Joshua Reynolds painter, 1723; Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot, painter, 1796; Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist, 1821; George A. Birmingham (The Rev James Owen

Amundsen, Polar explorer, 1872; Ginger Rogers (Virginia Katherine McMath), actress and dancer, 1911. Deaths: Anne of Cleves, fourth wife of Henry VIII, 1557; François-Michel Le Tellier, Marquis de Louvois, statesman, 1691; Josiah Spode, por-ter, 1827; Edmond-Louis Antoine Huot de Goncourt, novelist, 1896; William Hamilton Gibson, illustrator, author and naturalist, 1896; Sir Victor Alexander Haden Horsi Victor Alexander Haden Horsley, physician, 1916; Joseph Hilaire Bel-loc, anthor, 1953; John Phillips Marnd, novelist, 1960. On this day: brennus and the Gauls defeated the Romans at Allia, 390 BC; the Muslim Era began when Mahomet began his light from Mecca 10 Medina (The Rejira), 622: Captain John Gilbert patented the first dredger in Britain, 1618; the first banknotes in Europe were issued by the Bank of Stockholm, t661; Sir Henry Havelock arrived at the Bantle of Cawnpore, 1857: the Tsar of Russia (Nicholas II) and all his family were murdered by Boisheviks at Ekaterinburg (Sverdlovsk), 1918; the world's first parking meters were installed in Okiahoma City, United States, 1935; the first atomic test bomb was exploded at Los Alamos, New Mexico, 1945; the Mont Blanc road tunnel, between France and Italy, was opened, 1965; the Bill to abolish the Greater London Council received Royal Assent, 1985; British Airways and British Caledonian accounced plans for a £257m merger, 1987. Today is the Feast Day of St Athenogenes, St Enstainins of Annioch. S. Fuhad, St Helier, St Mary Magdalon Postel St Remeitis

Lectures

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2.30pm Tate Gallery: Joost Declercq, "Hans Hartung: work, life and attitudes", British Museum: Rowena Loverance. "Byzantine Icons", t.15pm. National Portrait Gallery: John Cooper, "Van Dyck's Portrait of Lord George Stuart, Seigneur d'Anbigny", 1.10pm. Luncheons Foreign and Commonwealth Office Sir Nicholas Bonsor Bt MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Com-monwealth Affairs, hosted a farewell lunch held yesterday at Lancaster House, London SW1, in bonour of Senor Edmundo Nanne, Ambassador of the Republic of Guatemala European-Atlantic Group Baroness Birk presided over the

Annual Luncheon of the Ladies

Committee of the European-

Atlantic Group held yesterday

evening in the House of Lords, Lon-

don SW1. Baroness Dunn spoke on

"The Future of Hong Kong".

Baroness Hooper and Baroness

Receptions

Scear also spoke.

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Mr Robert Davis, and the Lady Mayoress, Miss Carole Franco, gave a reception vesterday evening at the Westminster Council House, London SW1, in honour of the Captain and crew of HMS Westminster, Among those present were:

Commander Andrew Camaron RN, Gura manding Officer, HMS Bestminster, Mr Missen Caplan Leader of Westminster Com-cil. Vi. David Alim, Misser, Worshipfel

#### Provisional decision did not bind parties LAW REPORT

and another; Chancery Division (Mr Justice Lightman) 13 June 1996

The nature of an application for an interlocutory injunction was such as to give rise to a provisional rather than a final determination of the parties' rights, so the court's decision on such an application could not create an issue estoppel.

Mr Justice Lightman allowed an appeal by the plaintiffs, Mats Arne Olof Wilander and Karel Novacek, against decisions of Master Moncaster, on 19 and 24 April 1996, striking out paragraph 40 of their statement of claim and refusing them leave to add further claims in their Mr Justice Lightman said the action against the defendants. Brian Tobin, president, and David Judge, honorary treasurer of the International

The plaintiffs, both professional lennis players, faced disciplinary proceedings for taking prohibited drugs. They alleged by para 40 of their claim that rule 53 of the 1TF Rules, under which the disciplinary proceedings were instituted, was void as an unreasonable restraint of trade. An interlocutory injunction, restraining the ITF from pursuing the disci-

plinary proceedings pending tri-

Tennis Foundation.

16 July 1996 al of the action, was refused by

the judge on 19 March 1996, a decision affirmed by the Court of Appeal on 26 March 1996. on the ground that the claim was unarguable. On the defendants' application, the master then struck out para 40. He

> The defendants argued that whether such a decision was provisional or final depended on the basis on which it was decided and if, as here, the application had been fully argued and the decision was on its merits, there was an issue estoppel

His Lordship disagreed. appeals raised two questions. First, whether it was right to strike out the plea of invalidity of rule 53 as an unreasonable restraint of trade on the ground that it was bound to fail. Second, whether in the court's discretion the plaintiffs should be allowed to plead the European law claims.

As to the first, the defendants argued that the Court of Appeal's decision created an issue estoppel precluding the plaintiffs any longer challenging the validity of rule 53 or alternath ely constituted binding precedent inducing his Lord- issue estoppel and that it was

ship to conclude that the challenge on restraint of trade

To give rise to an issue estoppel, a decision must be final as to the parties' rights in issue. Could a decision on an application for interlocutory relief be final for this purpose?

to this effect.

Whilst these factors might go to the weight of the decision as a precedent, the capacity of a decision to have effect as an issue estoppel must be determined by the nature of the application itself, not the language or terms of the decision. or the length of argument, upon it. The nature of the application must be such that it gave rise to a final rather than a provisional determination of the parties' rights: that the parties were put on notice be-

fore the application was heard

that it might give rise to an

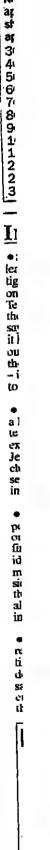
out all the stops to prevent such an estoppel arising if their interests so required. The nature of an application

for an interlocutory injunction was that it gave rise to a provisional as opposed to a final determination of the parties' rights. The defendants' argument on issue estoppel must therefore be rejected. Nevertheless, in his Lordship's view, the plaintiffs' case

on the invalidity of rule 53 as pleaded was bound to fail and the master was right to strike it out. His Lordship was, however. prepared to allow the appeal. provided the plaintiffs sought leave to amend their claim hy

reference to a factor not initially relied on, namely the absence of any appeal procedure for a player under rule 53 and the requirement for such an appeal procedure under the Anti-Doping Convention of 1989. The same factor justified granting leave to amend the claim to plead that rule 53 was void as incompatible with article 59 of the EC Treaty, which provided that restrictions on freedom to provide services within the EC should be abolished. To that exten; the appeal would be

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# The Irish peace that can only come from within

ould it be that the peace process in Northern Ireland bas been founded on a British and southern Irish mistake - the belief that the vast majority of people in the province are desperate for peace and reconciliation? This is a hard, unpleasant thought. It is much easier and safersounding to blame a few "men of violence" on either side. But it deserves, at least, to be considered.

For, in Northern Ireland, the trouble with the silent majority has been its stolid silence. People have delighted in the peace of the province during the ceasefire, and profited from it. They have strolled through central Belfast in a new atmosphere. They have applauded the sentimeots of President Clinton, danced to Van Morrison and - some of them - looked forward to better lives built on new investment coming from abroad. Offered better times, they were pleased to accept. Who would not be? And when the IRA the UDA claim to speak on their ehalf, they flinch. Who would not?

There were never many peace protesters through the long years of suffering. Most people minded their own business, kept their heads down and their mouths shut. That is entirely natural - the human instinct for self-protection. In recent days, when the Orange lodges descended on Drumcree, there were no counter-demonstrations or angry public remonstrations from

Protestants in favour of compromise, or backing down, or finding another route. Again, that is hardly surprising.

But, at the same time, there has been little evidence that moderation and a desire for consensus has been winning much backing in the privacy of the voting hooth. The moderate Alliance Party has always received derisory levels of support. As the province's most popular single politician. Ian Paisley can outvote less savagely anti-Catholic Unionist rivals on any day of the week. David Trimble, the brightest Unionist leader for a long time, gained his posi-tion partly because of his involvement in last year's "battle of Drumcree" and the enthusiasm of the Unionist rank and file for that confrootation. The recent elections showed gains for Sinn Fein at the expense of the SDLP. This is hardly evidence of a basic support for compromise, from either community.

To make these points is oot, in any way, to exculpate the politicians for a lack of leadership. Nor is it, in the spirit of Brecht, to suggest that the people of Northern Ireland have failed the governments and we must elect a new people. Politicians have failed, and their failures have helped create this crisis. The British government deserves to be blamed for blocking the Drumcree march, then backing down. If the Northern Ireland Office was not ready to face down mass loyalist protest, it ought not to have banned the march in



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the first place. The excuse that ministers and police chiefs were taken aback by the scale of protest is bizarre: for nobody else was surprised.

In such situations - and few political events are as predictable as the Ulster marching season – government oeeds a strategy, a back-up plan and a lot of determination. In order to retain their authority against the demands of the streets, political leaders need to keep cootrol of the higger agenda and have some sense of direction. Our ministers didn't. They should not bave pretended that the Drumcree decisions, which had buge political reverberations, were

purely a policing matter for Sir Hugh Annesley, chief constable of the RUC. However hiased or mistaken politicians may be, they cannot be directly blamed for bombings, stonings, shootings and riot: the people responsible for those are the people who commit those acts, and those who incite them. But it is impossible to deny that serious political mistakes bave been made.

If that is the case, why raise the question of the silent majority? Are not politicians chosen to take decisions? Yes, but the peace process has stumbled, then crashed to the ground, because the local politicians did not feel under suf-

torates to compromise. They were under intense pressure from everyone else from Dublin, from London, from Washington, and from business generally. But crucially, none of them seems to have feared losing the support of "their" people - or, to put it another way, that divided but silent majority.

How much of that silent majority, we wonder, is at least balf pleased to see the Orangemen march or, on the other side, to see Gerry Adams back in menacing mode? How many of the voters of Northern Ireland want it both ways? How many want peace and prosperity. guaranteed by the state, but also privately want a uncompromising political leaders who are ready violently to confront the state? How many condemn but also bug themselves privately? Public money has poured into Northern Ireland from Britain, and many middle-class Unionists as well as nationalists live well there, beyond the reach of the troubles. But few have repaid the state to which they profess loyalty, by trying to change the politics of the province for the better.

Many people in Northern Ireland. reading this analysis, will feel burt, bewildered and even outraged. But the feeling outlined bere is widespread in Britain. If it is wrong then it can be refuted. How? Receot letter-writers to the Independent, including one today, sbow the way. Northern Ireland needs

and militancy, from Strabane to Newry and from Coleraine to Newtownards, on behalf of moderation and comproon benan of moderation and compro-mise. It is not ecough for people to hlame the failings of their leaders; in that case, find new leaders, vote out the old ones, change the parties themselves. That is democracy, and therem lies the only hope of democratic progress. Northern Ireland cannot be made peaceful or safe by outsiders.

#### Once more unto the breach, Asterix

Relations with our French neigh-bours bave been tetchy of late. The French political classes are far more Euro-federalist than their British counterparts. But now a new Anglo-French collaboration has been launched with massive implications for the world.

Not aircraft or rockets - but Asterix. The plucky Gaul is back, thanks to the Brits. Where French fans failed, British enthusiasts persuaded the author Albert Underzo to write one more book.

Good news for cross-Channel relations. But what does it mean? Asterix and Co were the last outpost against Eurofederalism, Roman style - could the Asterix revival be a subtle Anglian plot to incite Gallic rebellion once more?

#### Ulster shame, **British** impatience

Sir. As an Ulsterwoman I am deeply ashamed to belong to a. community which, while professing loyalty to the British government, has flouted public order. The contempt shown by the Orange Order is reaping a bitter harvest.

It is a disheartening situation for the many who have tried to encourage a more rational attitude between the people who live in this province. Surely it is time to exert pressure on political leaders who are so out of touch with public opinion in the UK. There, as I study from my personal contacts, feelings are hardening against those who, by retu compromise, increase the everspiralling costs met by the British taxpayers. Such obstinacy is a huxury that those who live here canno longer afford, and no amount of hysterical emhlems of patriotism can ever win against economic

factors. The summer marching scene is dreaded by many and has oo place here, where survival depends oo mutual respect. It is indeed ironic that in the week of the state visit of Nelson Mandela, a statesman who has risen above the wrongs of the past, there should have been this ugly example of people so entrapped in their past. Portstewart, Co Londonderry

Sir: Following the latest Enniskillen bombing, the statement by Gerry Adams that there may have been some hint of Unionist or British government involvement in this atrocity (report, 15 July) beggars belief.

If Adams had seriously thought

for one moment that there had been Unionist involvement in the bombing, he would have condemned it outright. The fact that he did not suggests that he republican splinter group, most likely a group over which be has no jurisdiction. He is clearly oot the man who can deliver the terrorists.

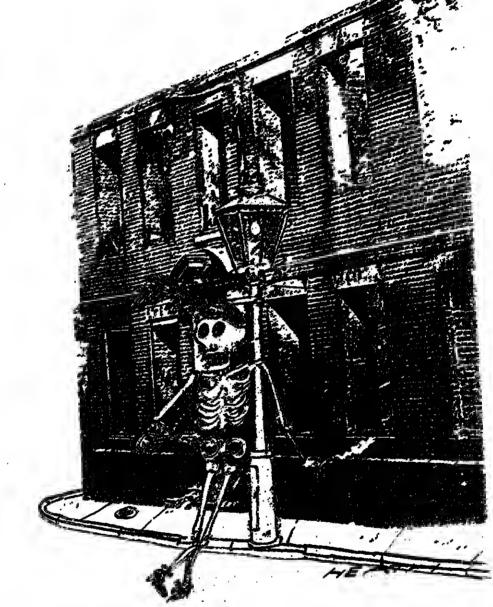
It is time that the British and Irish governments faced up to the reality that Irish republicanism is incompatible with democracy.

When the two meet, one must give way. It is this belief that drives the terrorists onwards to their goal, a goal that looks all the more likely as mainland support for the democratic rights of the Unionist community to decide how they wish to be governed ebbs away.
DR DAVID MCALPINE Nottingham

See Enough is enough. Northern liteland should now immediately be empelled from the United Kingdom. soldiers should be withdrawn. Engens of Northern Ireland should be considered foreigners and require visas to enter Great Britain. If the UN or any other body wishes to police Northern Ireland, let thein. Britain should have nothing further to do with Northern Ireland. Welwyn Garden Cirv, Hertfordshire

Sir: How comforting it was to glean from the Commons voting lists (12 July) that, despite all the turmoil taking place in Ireland last week, of the Ulster Unionist Party's nine MPs no fewer than five were still able to attend to their parliamentary duties, apply their minds to the broader interests of the Union and vote themselves a pay rise. PAUL BUTTLE





Long time, no see'

#### Royal adulterers and the church

Sir: What a pity that some prominent evangelical theologians have little sense of history ("Synod breaks church silence oo royal divorce", 15 July); the Church of England sprang from the break-up of a men breaks and Brings of a royal marriage, and Prince Charles's ancestor George I was divorced when he came to the throne. Most male Supreme Governors of the Church of England have been adulterers, but have not undertaken the enormous amount of social and welfare work carried out by Prince Charles.
Mrs JENNIFER MILLER London SW15

#### Ethical approach to charity law

Sir. Polly Toynbee's cogent critique of the religious aspects of charity law (15 July) includes a misleading reference to the South Place Ethical Society.

This organisation was never "absurdly registered as a religion"; it had been automatically accepted as a charity because it began as a Christian congregation in 1793, and when it ceased to be Christian nearly a century later it continued to be a formally religious society and to be registered as a place of religious worship.

Its aim was never "to demolish belief in a God or a hereafter", but after it became an Ethical Society in 1888 it was changed from "the worship of one God" of its Universalist and Unitarian origins to "the study and dissemination of ethical principles and the

cultivation of a rational religious sentiment".

It had no need to register until the Charities Act of 1960, after which its registration as a place of religious worship was removed and its registration as a charity was refused on the ground that it was oo longer geouinely religious. In 1980, however, it was granted charity status by the Court of Chancery neither as a religious nor as an anti-religious organisation, and certainly not because it was and certainty not occause it wheld to "do public good by debunking superstition", but because of its ethical and educational principles and activities; the British Humanist Association was granted charity status in 1983 for similar reasons. NICOLAS WALTER London NI

#### Fundholding is no panacea

Sir: Dr Morris, chairman of the National Association of Fundholding Practices, asserts that abolishing fundholding will detrimentally affect patients (Letters 13July). As nonfundholding GPs we disagree.

Non-fundholders are still actively involved in commissioning healthcare, and local GP commissioning groups are an effective and economical way of influencing commissioning oo behalf of local populations. The needs of our practice population are very similar to those of the practice up the road. Why should Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number.

management expenses be multiplied? Funding is better used for GP representatives to be involved with commissioning, while retaining strategic input from the

health authority.

It is surprising that only 51 per cent of GPs are fundholders, given that participating GPs were offered substantial amounts of money. This was the only way some practices could afford to improve their administrative staffing and quality of computerisation, since the primary care sector of the health service has been chronically underfunded. Dr M AQUILINA Dr P MARTIN London SE14

Sir. It was good to see Margaret St John's piece (8 July) on private health insurance - it is a necessary debate and one to which we must all contribute if people are to make informed choices about their health care. However, it wasn't fair to single our Prime Health for not covering regular renal dialysis. Of the 400 or so different private medical insurance policies currently available from the 25 companies in the field, only one covers this treatment. To include it - a regular treatment which usually continues for many years - would mean raising policy prices well out of reach of those people who choose to take out individual policies when they are not covered by company schemes. RICHARD ROCHE Marketing Director Prime Health Ltd Guildford

#### The weakness of think-tanks

Sir. If think-tanks on the right are declining and those on the left appear to have little influence on Tony Blair ("British politics requires more thought", 9 July) perhaps it is because the strength of think-tanks is ultimately also their weakness - they push a certain "line" cootinuously and audiences

get tired of listening. I would certainly concur with your editorial that Britain, and indeed Europe, needs more cohereot thinkers. Think-tanks, however, have an inhereot weakness because of their institutional structure. Their researchers are based in-house, and therefore their research and output is necessarily constrained by the interests and abilities of a permanent research staff.

Networks may offer a better model for stimulating wellinformed policy debate. They have a central administration (which takes no institutional policy positions) and a group of researchers (based at a variety of institutions), who are affiliated to the network, allowing the promotion of a diversity of policy positions. As long as researchers are not under one roof, it is not so difficult for a network to include many individuals with widely differing views and policy

orientations. The network allows researchers to pursue their own research agenda, rather than the agenda of an institution which is committed

to a particular "line" and so promotes greater discussioo and diversity among academics and policy-makers. For example, the Centre for Ecooomic Policy Research acts like an "invisible college" or "multiversity" that coordinates the activities of an international network of more than 300 research fellows, whose publications carry a wide range of policy conclusions and recommendations, which are oot necessarily the views of those funding the research. With growing interdependeoce, economic policy issues, in particular, cannot be analysed sensibly at the national level. The CEPR model stimulates better-informed discussion at much lower cost. JOAN CONCANNON External Relations Manager The Centre for Economic Policy Research London WI

No-go legend

Sir. The claim ("Orange gets the red light in Ulster", 13 July) that the Vauxhall Nova did not sell in Spain because no va means "won't go" is a well-known and unsubstantiated urban legend. Actually, no va is in present tense and it means "it does not go"; but nova is pronounced differently from no va and means the same as in English, namely an exploding star. For more information on this topic and for a letter from General Motors confirming greater than expected sales of the Chevrulet Nova in Venezuela, see http://www. urbanlegends.com products chevy. nova on the World Wide Web. Dr GABOR MEGYESI Trinity College, Cambridge

#### Battle for the pavements

Sir. The muisance and danger of cyclists on pavements to which Colin Wheeler draws attention (letter, 12 July) is part of a larger problem: that of a withdrawal by most official agencies from all concern for management of nonmotor highway use. Most police forces have abandoned any attempt

to enforce cycling laws.
It is possible to ride without lights, ignore traffic lights, give no hand signals etc, with complete impunity. The programme of instruction of children, and testing, in cycling proficiency, through local authorines and the schools, seems to have been abandoned. As a result children and young people generally ride in traffic in much the same way as the sparrows fly: one moment on the road, the next on the pavement or across the road, up the kerb, off the kerb, this side, that side. It must be saw anyone under 30 give a proper band signal. CHRISTOPHER PADLEY Market Rasen, Lincolnshire

Sir: Why single out cyclists for using pavements? Nowadays, in almost every street, you will see cars and vans driving on to the pavements to park. Pedestrians, including children, are ofteo forced into the road. Particular difficulty is caused to blind and elderly people, and to those with prams and wheelchairs.

It is highly likely that pavements will increasingly become parking lots, as the Government still assumes that vehicle numbers will double in the next twenty years or so. This is despite the fact that the act of driving on to and off the footway is an offence liable to a fine of £1000. MALCOLM MORT Liskeard, Comwali

Sir: Colin Wheeler might try writing to the chief constable of his county, for riding on a footpath without right is a criminal offence (Highways Act 1835, section 72) and so is riding without reasonable consideration for other road users (Road traffic Act 1988, section 29). More serious is dangerous cycling (section 28), which may carry a penalty of £2,500. This law is stated at the back of the Highway Code. A few convictions might draw cyclists' attention to it. JOHN WYMER Bridport, Dorset

Sir: Could Sir George Young be persuaded to cycle aloog a Red Route ("Cycling on the road to a comeback", 11 July) along with as many Red Route designers as are prepared to risk their lives with him? They will then experience just how dangerous these recent introductions are to cyclists, forcing them into contention for space with traffic, often fast-moving. approaching from the rear. TFFTAYLOR London N6

#### The sixth power

Sir: I believe you to be mistaken when you state (report, 12 July) that Rothschild's was popularly regarded as the sixth great power. The Duc de Richelieu in 1818 said: There are six great powers in Europe: Eogland, France, Prussia, Austria, Russia and Baring Brothers." How are the mighty failen. JOHN GARDNER Epsem. Survey

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# For this man hell is having to say what he believes in

By Andrew Brown

Church of England's Synod would crucify him" says Vijay Menon, an evangelical member of the Synod, which is meeting this week in York. Menon's group wants to restore "biblical standards" to the church.

The gap can never have been wider between what the Church of England actually believes. and what people outside it feel it ought to believe.

The debate on hell is a splendid example of these confusions. Very few people, and lew of them European Christians, really believe in a lake of fire wherein the wicked are deep-fried for all eternity. The picture of a hell somewhere underground where people are tormented forever really nowadays appeals only to American fundamentalists, amongst whom it is a popular legend that a Russian drilling project broke through into helf somewhere near the Finnish border - but of course it was all hushed up by the Communists. The idea is almost as unlikely as God sitting on a throng in the always been more powerfully

skies with a long white beard. Yet the Church of England does believe that God exists and that hell - or ultimate sep-Some of its eleverer members which is both great art and elieve that these truths are concealed from the modern world because they come dressed in incredible pictures, like that of the lake of brimstone, or the old man in the clouds. So they write reports. which the Synod endorses, saving neither of these things need be taken literally.

Unfortunately, they lack any very convincing cartoon pictures to put in their place. If

pits anyone who tries to climb out, then what is it about? And here the church has real trouble answering, Rwanda, Srebrenica or Auschwitz are nice pat answers, but for most of us experienced as something on television: and hell, whatever else it is, is worse than watching any possible television.

Hell is by definition worse than anything we can imagine. Only an artist of extraordinary genius can begin to suggest it and there don't seem to be any of those writing reports for the Church of England these days. Fifty years ago. CS Lewis had a bash, with The Screwtape Letters. These are still extraordinarily vivid. But the doctrine commission could hardly republish them as a full systematic theology of hell.

This brings out a wider difficulty that the Church of England has when expressing its beliefs: because it is not a church with a single, defined catechism, like the Roman Catholics, and an officially promoted style of theology, it is more dependent on art than on logic. What it teaches has expressed imaginatively than as a set of bald doctrinal propo-sitions. At its best, Anglicanism could combine both forms, as aration from God - exists too. in the Book of Common Prayer,

> great the Unfortunately, for most people today it is also great nonsense. The churches that are growing, even those most rigorous in their theology, have almost abandoned the use of the book; and many of its most vociferous defenders think it valuable not because it is true, but because it is beautiful.

The classic defence of traditional liturgy and language Hell is not about demons pitch- elides the difference between forking back into the bitumen art and theology: "If the King

James version was good enough for St Paul, then it is good enough for me, said one leg-endary churchgoer, protesting against modern translations. But this sort of confidence depends on ignorance. It cannot survive the discovery that St Paul spoke no language that we prolonged.

The doctrine of God has run into similar difficulties. It is all very well to believe in Him but to explain what this means nr how it feels is far more difficult. Believers express their Alan Storkey. feelings not in the production Over the weekend, Dr or consumption of theological

does not sit easily in the public Once the pictures and art which had expressed this belief in former ages lost their force, for one reason or another, the belief itself did not lose coher-

mathematical physicist turned priest and theologian like Sir John Polkinghome believes that God created heaven and earth just as firmly as Michaelangelo did, perhaps more so. But Michaelangelo's scientifically impossible frescos on the Sistine Chapel will have convinced far more peofully argued books on God and science.

Then there is sex. All religions have traditionally been concerned with sex.not least because religious belief is in general something acquired within families. Religions that do not strengthen the social structures which transmit their doctrines will tend to die out irrespective of their truth.

Many of the fastest-declining religions in England today, such as the Methodists and the

Roman Catholics, are clearly suffering from the erosion of their traditional sociological base as much as from any difficulties with their doctrines of sex. But the Church of England's difficulties with sex are exceptionally public and

A report last year seemed to come to terms with cohabitation as a substitute for marriage - and was furiously attacked by one member of the committee responsible for producing it, Dr

Storkey's wife Elaine, giggling artlessly, said on television what reports but in prayer, which most evangeticals think too obvious to be worth saying: that the divorce of the Prince of Wales is an embarrassment to the church; and that this embarrassment will be redoubled if he ever remarries. The point is ence, but became much harder that Mrs Storkey's instincts are very much those of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey; and it is generally assumed that what she says, he thinks but would never dare

As a church whose ministers are legally obliged to marry almost everyone who presents themselves demanding this service, the Church of England is caught in an appalling dilemma here. If it turns away the ple than Dr Polkinghorne's ungodly, it loses a chance to reach them and reduces its justification for being regarded as the church of the nation. If it accepts them, it accepts also that it will dwindle away to a sort of English Spiritual Heritage, especially in the coun-

> These problems are bard enough to deal with, but at least they are heterosexual. On the issue of homosexuality things are even worse. In many parts of the church, homosexuals of any sort are invisible. In some places they are almost the norm and have been accepted for decades. What is almost impossible for the church to do is to have a policy which will work in both sorts of parishes.

None of these problems are new. Disputes about the nature of God, hell, and the afterlife were far more pressing and bitter in the years around the First World War. But they were private then. They were fought out among hishops and theologians, and if a result was ever reached, it was done so by undemocratic means.

The General Synod has changed all that and turned the formation of doctrine in the Church of England into a spec-tator sport. Twice a year, sometimes three times a year, there are votes on sensitive and interesting subjects. Each vote will generate a story about what The Church of England"

thinks. Each story in turn will generate any number of articles about what the Church of England ought to believe.

here are other biases built into the system that make its proceedings shocking to the non-church-going general classes. Because it is elected by an arcane and indirect process, the Synod's members represent the section of the church which is fondest of committees and - it often seems - least in

contact with the outside world. Synod members, by and large, read broadsheet papers and have no idea of the impression that their deliberations make

on people who do not. Because the Synod is a democratic body, riven by deeply held dissension, it develops sexual policies erratically, so the church's official position moves, like a firecracker, in a series of random leaps punctuated by loud explosions. All the large churches are split on all the issues that divide the Church of England. But the others do not make a public

spectacle of the fact. For all its frustrations and inefficiencies, there is something noble and endearing about this enterprise. "We shall

truth shall set you free" is not quite as snappy a motto as it might be, but it is not bad. However, its time is limited. The Synod's position is the result of an historical oddity. It exists, and gains its national position, from the fact that it does the work of the establishment that Parliament cannot be bothered with. If the establishment goes, the Svnod will be changed beyond recognition.

And there are processes has-

tening this end. The Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, is determined to give the church a central government, which could provide the kind of single-minded long-term leadership that the Synod conspicu-

ously can't. He is not a man to be gladdened by the endless attacks on the Church of England for waffling and temporising, perhaps because he sym-pathises with some of them.

His proposed solution is a drastic one: to set up a single central committee which will controt the income of the church commissioners as well as the agenda of the Synod. This has run foul of Parliament, which considers that the church commissioners are a parliamentary charity. The struggle over that may well lead to full disestablishment - and though the Church of England may then find it has a clear and biblical line on all the important questions, it may also discover that no one cares.



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## Tour de France proves a real tour de force

have a grown-up daughter living in London - in fact, she is so grown-up that she has recently become pregnant and is going to have a baby by the end of the year. My sonin-law tells me that the pregnancy fad that has hit her is not the sudden fondness for eating tiquorice or nibbling bits of anthracite that is said to hit mothers to be, but an enormous craze for watching the Tour de France reports on

Channel 4. This I find startling. Most women are too sensible to watch sport, anyway, but my daughter is the one woman in the world in whose education I had a close part, and I was always very careful to send her to schools where they didn't play rugby or have more sports trophies than poetry prizes. If, at home, an important match came on TV which I felt I had to watch, I would be careful to usher her out of the room first and send her off for a long walk. It didn't matter if I watched it because I was beyond curing, but I wanted to save

her. It isn't just sports watching that is bad for you, it is

passive sports watching as well. And now she is addicted to daily Channel 4 Tour de France reports!

Well, if she has to be tem-porarily addicted to any sport, I would prefer it to be a sport on Channel 4. All the sports ever broadcast on Channel 4 are spectacular, not just in their skill and endurance but in their incomprehensibility and poetic impenetrability. was once taken to an Urdu poetry recital in Hyderahad, in India, and the baffled enjoyment I got from that evening is very like the baffled enjoyment I get from Channel 4 sport. Sometimes it features one of those games which have survived in Ireland, in which people cannot make up their mind whether to hit the ball with a stick or run with it, so they kick it instead - the game is called shinty, and if it is not called that it is called hurling, or maybe Gaelic foot-hall, and I could watch it for hours. There always comes a point near the end when a breathless commentator says: "Well, Limerick have got an

awful lot to do if they are to



Miles Kington

catch Sligo now,"and I realise. with a thrill of excitement, that I have no idea which team is Limerick or which is Sligo, thus adding a new element of

thrilling obscurity to the game. Sometimes it is an Indian game, called something like kabbadi, in which people have to touch each other. Sometimes it is a game called Australian Rutes football, in which the players have to be suntanned and wear only their underwear. But as long as it is a game in which you are left to your own devices to work out what is going on, it is fun. (American football is different from all other Channel 4 games, though. Not only is it an extremely tiresome game,

being a cross between chess and trench warfare, with the best bits of both excluded, but the commentators are determined to stuff you with the most tiresome statistics known to man. You would have to be pregnant with triplets to work up a sudden taste for American football.)
So t can understand my

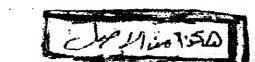
daughter's infatuation with the Tour de France. In fact, as it is a good Channel 4 sport, I have had it myself. I have found myself transfixed as the kilometre signs flash by, as the thin muscular bottoms of the riders bob up and down through cheering little French villages, as the camera viewpoint shifts giddily from just behind the leader's left ear to a high helicopter shot of the entire Tour streaming along a main road like ants heading towards a picnic. I have found myself wondering where the camera is, realising it is on a motorbike just in front of the breakaway squad, seeing with great excitement, the shadow of the cameraman leaning right off

his vehicle. What I have never done is

have the faintest idea what is going on who is really winning, or what a squad does when it sets out to support its star rider. I don't think I have ever wanted to know. Because it is only when you do know what is going on in a sport that you realise how dreary most of it is, t understand what is going on in football and I think a lot of Euro 96 was pretty dreary. And I know what is going on in rugby, or at least enough to know I never ever want to see England play rugby again: I never want to see the England scrum kill the game again. I never want to see a load of supposedly fast and intelligent three-quarters kick for touch or forget to pass the ball when tackled again.

In brief, I think the news that England has been excluded from the Five Nations competition is the best news since, well ... since I heard that my daughter was

Tomorrow: we tell you which drugs you need to get you through watching the Olympic



## The artist formerly known as British

Paris has taken Francis Bacon as one of its own, a European painter with a vision of the uncertainties and fragmentation of the twentieth century, says Andrew Graham-Dixon

he Francis Bacon retrospective, which opened a fortnight ago at the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris, has been attracting approximately 5,000 visitors each day. That is a remarkable figure. Picasso and Matisse apart, it is hard to think of another 20th-century artist capable of drawing such crowds. It is impossible to think of another British 20th-century and st capable of doing so.

As far as the French are concerned, we are to understand that Bacon is not British at all, but European. According to Jean-Jacques Aillagon, the president of the Pompidou Centre, he is one of the quintessentially European artists of modern times. Indeed, Aillagon adds, the exhibition may be counted upon to reveal the "profonde Europeanité" - the profound Europeanness - of his painting. It is very unusual for the French to consider a British artist as one of them, as part of the mainstream, in guite

The desire to recruit Bacon as a "European" is not entirely perverse because, at the level of its technique, Bacon's art does speak long and lovingly about the art of the Italian, Spanish and Dutch masters he admired (above all Titian, Velázquez and Rembrandt). Yet the Pompidou exhibition and its popularity surely says as much about the the times in which we live as it does about Bacon's art.

The readiness or the desire to see this difficult, refractory boundlessly vital individual as an emblematic trans-national European figure may be symptomatic of something else; part of a hroader quest for some binding sense of European identify, perhaps. But there is a paradox here, because Bacon's grand subject is the identity itself. Bacon's art the artist made his London teaches us to admit that we do. not know quite who we are, nor quite what is going on, nor a Crucificion. The writer John why. Could it be that modern Europe is prepared to embrace him hecause it sees in his work a reflection of its own uncertainties and fragmentation?

The images confronting those 5,000 daily visitors to the Pompidou Centre are neither pleasant nor comforting. In Bacon's art the Pope screams, the newsreader, in his glass box, laughs the laugh of a maniac; while the politician grins, melts and collapses into an incoherent puddle of matter. The dissolved, blurred and otherwise deformed people we see in Bacon's paintings have lost their coherence and have metamorphosed into projectiles of flesh and energy, going God knows where. They embrace each other. They eat each other. Often, we see them in the

process of turning into animals. Bacon's is an art of breakdown, meltdown and entropy a fact he makes plain by taking the classic forms of Western



Above, a portrait of Bacon taken in his studio in 1971; below, his 1944 triptych, 'Three Studies for Figures at the Base of a Crucifixion' (courtesy of the Tate Gallery), the first picture Bacon exhibited in London Photograph: Francis Goodm Photograph: Francis Goodman

European religious art (the the door were images so unretriptych, the icon) and twisting them to his own ends. One of the first pictures to be seen in the exhibition is that with which exhibiting debut, in 1944: Three Studies for Figures at the Base of Russell, who went to see the painting in an exhibition at the Lesevre Gallery just a month before the end of the Second World War, has left a fine description of the appalling impact it made on the fragile optimism of its first audience.
"Immediately to the right of

lievedly awful that the mind shut snap at the sight of them. Their anatomy was half-human, half-animal and they were conless and oddly proportioned space. They could bite, probe and suck, and they had very long, eel-like necks ... Common to all three figures was a mindless voracity, an automatic unregulated gluttony, a ravening undifferentiated capacity for harred. They caused a total consternation. We had no name for them, and no name for what we felt about them."

Yet the mood at the Pompidou Centre is one of reverence. The paintings are hung within spaces and arranged in configurations that suggest the sacredness of the chapel. There is even, perhaps, a sense in which Bacon has now come to seem all too easily accessible an artist. These days Three Studies for Figures at the Base of a Crucificion does not seem to prompt shock hat (and this may itself be shocking in another way) an almost straightforward sense of recognition. On the day when I vis-ited the exhibition, I saw a most of his audience had spent

very best, and particularly in his earlier work, which looks more young couple approach Bacon's howling, sucering, squatting maenads, consider them for a moment or two in silence, nod choreography of their bodies seemed to say, yes, this is what the world is like. Ghouls like these ones lurk everywhere - m corners of the mind best left unvisited, in the shadowlands of

Bacon originally seemed a disturbing artist because he insisted on emphasising those aspects of humanity - trans-



impressive with each passing year, Bacon gave expression to his undoubted morbidity and pessimism with a pictorial inventiveness - an originality in the actual handling of paint itself - unmatched in the art of any of his contemporaries. ity, and a perverse beauty, that sets itself against the apparent

horror of his imagery. He once said, a propos of the screaming society, in war zones. face that so fascinated him as a motif that he wanted to paint the glitter and the life of the human mouth as if he were

Monet painting a sunset.
To see Francis Bacon as a great describer of what it means, now, to be a European, may be in one sense to pay him his due. But it is also to risk ironing out the unevenness in his work, and seeing almost everything he touched as a masterpiece - which is almost the same as forgetting what made him great, when he was great, in the first place. The moment when we begin to find Significance in an artist's work may, also, be the moment when we begin to lose sight of the work itself.

Francis Bacon continues at the Pompidou Centre, Paris, until 14 October

#### Fat cats and sleaze are on the decline, says William Hartston

## What you can find if you read between the lines

The world is becoming a better-educated and more moral place, with better spelling and no longer threatened by a tide of sleaze. all possibly under the influence of a new power axis spreading across the whole of north London. Those are the main conclusions revealed by an analysis of newspaper contents over the first six months of 1996 com-

their lives attempting to sup-press or ignore. Once, his work scandalised those who saw it.

Now, many seem to find in it

cause for consent, even consensus. One generation's reve-lation has become another gen-

Perhaps it is in this sense,

then, that Bacon has become a

"European" artist. In his visions of the ego perpetually suc-cumbing to the id, of the

humane succumbing to the bes-tial, of the coherent being swal-

lowed up by the incoherent, we

now simply see a convincing account of the way things are -

especially in central and East-

ern Europe. Yet, while the trou-bled modern European sensi-

bility finds it tempting to see itself and its own predicaments

so uncannily reflected in the

deformations, apparent vio-lence and the heightened sense

of mortality expressed by Bacon's work, this does not

necessarily make it any easier

for us to see his strengths and

weaknesses as an artist. Bacon

himself, it ought to be remem-

bered, passionately disliked

overt symbolic interpretation of

his work. Indeed, few things horrified him more than the

notion that his pictures might be taken for allegories of the

political, moral or other ills of the 20th century.

historical circumstances, and

our own sense of history, may persuade us to see Bacon's

work as merely a form of higher illustration; a series of cartoon

diagrams depicting such abstractions as the Human Condition or Late Twentieth

Century Auxiety. Yet at his

His paint had a visceral qual-

The danger is that our own

eration's given.

pared with last year.
The tables below give the number of instances of the highlighted words in a repre-sentative cross-section of British national daily and Sunday newspapers. The figure in each case is the number of articles in which the relevant word appeared. The first table shows clearly the geopolitical changes of the past year.

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The severe drops in Bosnia, Chechnya and Rwanda, show that the world's hot-spots bave cooled off significantly. Hong Kong, as handover day approaches, has risen according to expectations, but the most dramatic increases are seen in the last two entries on the list. And their phenomenal rises appear to be by no means coin-cidental. Indeed, if we look for the number of newspaper articles containing both words "Southgate" and "Wembley", we see that the figure has risen from 72 (first six months of 1995) to 489 (first six months of 1996), an asionishing 579 per cent increase. We can only infer the existence of an axis stretching across the whole of north London that has a wholly dis-

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proportionate influence on the

The increasing interest in Hong Kong is also seen in our second table, which records the trends among certain prominent people. Chris Patten has more than doubled his representation. Since Hong Kong itself was only up by 33.7 per

cent, he is clearly a man to watch - though not as much as Peter Mandelson. John Redwood is only a little down on last year, when his figure was considerably boosted by the Conservative leadership election, and has now overtaken Michael Portillo who has been rather quiet of late.

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Slegge	1323	438	-56.9
Fet cats	668	570	-14.7
Eat-cats	89	119	+ 33.7
Witerstyn	944	1001	+ <del>9</del> 0.8
Wilenian	130	126	-3.1

With the increased visibility of Mr Mandelson, and his role in reinventing Socialism and the Labour Party, we were surprised to see that fewer things had, in fact, been reinvented this year than last. Wheel reinventors, however, have had a good year so far, with the wheel being reinvented 21 times compared with only nine in the first ... half of 1995.

The tide of sleaze has also passed by, with the number of fat cats also dropping signifi-cantly. The increase in hyphenated fat-cats, however, may be taken as a sign that have become accepted as part of the establishment.

Most encouraging of all are the figures for misspelt millennia, As 2000 approaches, it is no surprise that the number of mentions of the millennium has almost doubled, but it is heartening to see that the number of misspellings has actually gone down. The percentage error rate has thus dropped from 12.1 to 6.5. The Independent has, as usual, been leading the way, with a slash in its misspelling quotient from 11.7 to 4.5 per cent. The figure would be even better if we excluded articles about bad spelling. Southgate and Wembley

apart, however, how are our other national obsessions faring this year? Table three tells the

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The media's love affair with the Lottery has clearly survived the honeymoon period of early 1995, thanks perhaps to double-rollovers. But divorce is coming. up close behind it and will, if these trends are maintained. overtake the lottery as our primary obsession in the second

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## New Liberal Democrats, new radicals

Paddy Ashdown is on a mission to differentiate his party from Labour in the minds of voters

I ful to "go back to your constituencies and prepare for govern-ment". It is said that after he stepped down, Sir David, with a rueful sense of self-parody, used to end speeches to party gatherings by exhorting them to "go back and prepare for local government". Whether that is apocryphal or not, it looked in the summer of 1994 as if Paddy Ashdown, coping first with disappointing European election results and then Tony Blair's accession to the Labour leadership, was facing extinction as a national force.

But the extinction did not happen. The watershed was not the party's triumph, impressive as it was, in consolidating its position as the second party in local government. The decisive moment was the Littleborough and Saddieworth by-election last year when, after having had everything thrown at them that new Labour could master, the Liberal Democrats survived and won. In so doing, it proved to itself that it could hold ternitory even in a political landscape transformed by Tony Blair.

What's more, the Liberal Democrats now have a mission. And it is one that undertines a paradox of anti-Toryism, stemming as it does from the entreme care with which Blair is for better, sometimes about intensive, approaching the coming election.

t is 15 long years since Sir David

Once upon a time, it looked as if the
Liberal Democrats' historic role would he to act as a comfortably centrist brake on a Labour government, pre-venting it from sinking back in the cor-poratist neo-Keynsian morass of the 1970s. Now this all seems rather different. Suddenly the party looks more like a radical goad to the studied, elec-toralist cantion of new Labour. Ashdown believes that the minimalism of Labour's manifesto has given him space to move into.

Take this week's flurry of policy and thought for example. Yesterday the party produced bold but fiscally neutral plans for new, environmentally friendly carbon taxes. Tomorow ment Paddy Ashdown will make a speech in which he questions defeatism over unemployment. He will draw a distinction between the "competitive value" economy in which industry needs brutally to cut its labour costs, and the "community value" economy in which social and consumer needs would be fulfilled by an increase, rather than a decrease, in jobs. Citing the apparently trivial but symbolic example of his own local rail station, which the elderly won't use at night because it is unmanned, Mr Ashdown will suggest that in the long run consumers may be prepared to pay more



Ashdown recoils from the notion that he is to the left of Blair

The speech will add, and deliberately so, to the perception that the Liberal Democrats are prepared to be more challenging than Labour on at least some issues. It comes, after all, on top of clear commitments to an additional £2bn on education, financed if necessary by 1p on income tax; a new 50 per cent tax rate; and the probability of a clear pledge for a decisive referendum on Britain's future in

Partly of course this a matter of tactics, developed over several months but refined at a meeting of the party's MPs at meeting in Oxford over the weekend. First, it reflects a recognition by are asking: What price co-operation government.

Ashdown that the party needs to be known for more than its commitment to constitutional reform. He knows that all the polling evidence is that the voters already understand that the party wants proportional representation for the House of Commons. He knows, too, that the fact that electors favour PR when asked doesn't mean that it is top of their individual priorities. Indeed instead of referring to "constitutional reform", the party now talks internally of "sleaze" to remind itself that dismantling the quango state which the Tories are running now, and Labour might do in the future, is a more immediately populist cause.

Second, having taken the momentous decision to rule out a coalition with the Tories, Ashdown believes he has to differentiate the Liberal Democrat product from Labour. That is helped, as it happens, by the crossness that even those of his MPs who are friendliest to Labour feel about not being consulted about Labour's commitment to a referendum on Scottish devolution. Ashdown wanted a referendum, too. But it was galling not to be told in advance, given that plans for devolution were hammered out in that model of inter-party co-operation, the Scottish constitutional convention

now?" In September they will take their revenge when the party conference proposes that the referendum question should be (instead of the two-parter planned by Labour) a single one: "Do you want a tax-raising Scottish parliament?"

But it isn't just a matter of pre-election tactics. Mr Ashdown recoils, as Dracula from the cross, from the notion, mischievously encouraged by the likes of Ken Livingstone, that he is to the left of Blair. So let's stick with his preferred word: radical. But his insistence on a broad, but clear and costed programme poses an interesting question for Labour; does it have a hidden agenda or is it less ambitious for change than the Liberal Democrats? Is it a Trojan horse or an empty

The accusation against the Liberal Democrats, of course, will be that in the heat of any post election negotiations, they will simply throw over all these non-constitutional demands if Cabinet posts beckon. But the party has hardened since the Lib-Lah pact in the late Seventies damaged its support in the country without exacting any price to speak of. Ashdown thinks his programme will win him votes. And if he is right, he could yet have the mandate to press some or all of The Scottish Liberal Democrat MPs these policies on an incoming Blair-led

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## BUSINESS NEWS DESN: tel 0171-293 2636 fax 0171-293 2098 Red faces as Sids lose out in British Energy float flop

**MICHAEL HARRISON** 

The floration of British Energy vesterday turned into an unprecedented privatisation flop for the Government as shares in the nuclear power generator crashed by more than 10 per cent on the first day of dealing, leaving hundreds of thousands of

small investors nursing losses. The scale of the meltdown left ministers and their financial barrassing position and pro-

By the time the market closed the partly-paid shares had fallen from an offer price of 105p to 94p, having touched 92p at one stage, amid heavy trading with 80 million shares - 11.5 per cent of the total shares offered changing hands.

A small investor who received the maximum allocation of 600 shares in the public offer was last night looking at a loss of £30 on an investment

voked fresh questions about of £600. Private shareholders British Energy's prospects. who took part in the retail tender and institutional investors

were facing far heavier losses. But it was British Energy's directors who were staring as the biggest individual losses. Chief executive Dr Robert Hawley bought 33,000 shares which were last night showing a loss of £3,630 while chairman John Robb was nursing a £2,200 loss and finance director Michael Kirwan a loss of £1,650 on

nations was hastily assembled by advisers, ranging from the fall on Wall Street to adverse press reports and comments from former British Gas chairman Sir Dennis Rooke that sharehold-

Advisers also pointed to evidence of short-selling by market-makers - offering to sell shares they did not own in the expectation of being able to buy

ers had been conned when the

business was floated in 1986.

As the scale of the sell-off be-them at a cheaper price by the ergy spokesman, said that the came clear, a series of expla-time they had to deliver the sale of British Energy looked in-

Attending the start of dealings at BZW's dealing room in the City, the President of the Board of Trade, Ian Lang, expressed satisfaction, saying the taxpayer had done "very well" out of the flotation. "I am very pleased with what we have achieved. This is a privatisation that six years ago we were told could not happen."
But John Battle, Labour's en-

creasingly like "a bad deal for shareholders as well as shortchanging the taxpayer". He also demanded to know

whether there had been a cover-up by ministers to keep secret the closure of two of the company's stations until after the public share offer had

The collapse in the shares yesterday was all the more surprising since the issue had been

Government's range. At the fully-paid price of 203p the flotation will raise just £1.4bn-£500m less than the Govern-

ment had initially expected. Patrick Green, Friends of the Earth's senior energy campaigner, said: The temptation to say we told you so is overwhelming. As British Energy's new owners contemplate their loss they should give some thought to why they ever fell for the nuclear con. Nuclear power

priced at the bottom end of the never was and never will be a

In the past, shares in privalised companies have performed badly shortly after dealings began only in exceptional market conditions or where the sale was a secondary offering. The BP share offer in 1987 was a victim of the worldwide crash. Secondary offerings of shares in BT and the two gencrators, National Power and PowerGen, also fared poorly. Comment, page 17

Insurance bail-out: Hard core of rebels vows to fight on in court despite overwhelming vote of approval for first stage of plan

## Lloyd's gets green light for £3.2bn rescue plan

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

Lloyd's yesterday won an overwhelming vote of approval for the first stage of its rescue plan, ered sufficient strength to be now worth £3.2bn, £100m more than the last official figure. But a hard core of the 3.000

names present said they would hecome "refuseniks" and fight

David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, began the annual meeting at the Royal Festival Hall in London secure in the knowledge that proxy votes had already out him well on the way

The votes were only the first stage in a series culminating in a poll of all members that closes on 28 August. But without the approval of members for a £440m special contribution to the rescue fund, the plan would

have fallen apart. Rebel names claimed they had enough continuing support to finance new legal actions for fraud against the market, though Lloyd's officials were dismissive of the numbers claimed to be ready to follow

The exact total will not be known until the August deadline for members to accept or refuse their individual offers. though the votes yesterday were regarded as indicating almost certain success for the rescue

Alan Porter, a Lloyd's mem-

ber, claimed there would be between 4,000 and 5,000 "refuseniks", "The case for fraud in the form of bad faith and reckless misrepresentation has gathendorsed for the first time by leading counsel in the last few days," Lloyd's should be pursued until the full truth came out, he

Mr Porter, chairman of the property company London and Industrial, was the principal speaker on behalf of four motions from rebel names which attempted to force Lloyd's to improve its offer by as much as £16n. The rebel names had requisitioned an extraordinary meeting to follow the annual

Ron Sandler, chief execu-tive of Lloyd's, said "any attempt to implement these proposals must lead quickly to the collapse of Lloyd's and I can't help but feel that some of the sponsors of these resolutions understand that only too well".

Even before the votes on the rebel motions were taken, Mr Rowland revealed that S per cent of the proxies he had received were ngainst.

After the votes on the rebel motions, Lloyd's broke up into three separate meetings to approve the crucial £440m payment towards the rescue. It emerged that by the start

of these later meetings between 94 and 98 per cent of the proxy votes submitted were in favour.



Hand-off: 'Refuseniks' outside the Lloyd's annual meeting yesterday had mixed success in attracting support for their cause Photograph; Geraint Lewis

## Rowland ruffled by two-pronged assault

Only two questioners from the floor ruffled David Rowland of Lloyd's, in his polished and successful handling of one of the most crucial meetings he bas ever chaired, writes Peter

One was when Lloyds's name. Philip Colfox, made allegations about Mr Rowland's period as a director of an underwriting firm in 1981. To supportive applause from

elsewhere on the floor. Mr Rowland said he was extremely tired of Mr Colfox's allegations for which there was not the slightest scrap of evidence. And Sir Alan Hardcastle,

Lloyd's top regulator, said he had looked into documents sent by Mr Colfox and so had would be a knighthood or a names' money, Mr Rowland said: "We can't put heads on was hard to stop until Mr Row-pikes in quite the way I under-Lloyd's lawyers, and there was "no basis whatsoever on which it would be right to take investigations any further at all".

incident that slightly ruffled the urbane Mr Rowland was when a Mr Salbstein praised him to the skies, saying "one man above all deserves our thanks - David Rowland ... you deserve national honour and recognition and trust".

This honour would soon be forthcoming, he added, though he did not forecast whether it land joked that his own wife. who was in the audience, would give him hell after hearing it.

The meeting at the concert 11 W35 U of the emotional drama seen three years ago at a time when losses were still mounting and Lloyd's was offering only £900m

compensation.

When Adam Fergusson, demanded that David Rowland, the chairman, publish the list of managing agents and others responsible for losing the

stand you would like."

David Durant, who said he spoke for 800 ruined names with so little left that they could high security. But there was little criptions to his group, pressed for The need is more help. desperate - this must be pushed with all speed - we all have milk hills to pay.

He asked Mr Rowland to include widows of members in a new pension scheme for the hardest hit, and Mr Rowland said imediately: "The answer is yes." The very first questioner

from the floor raised, without naming them, the intractable issue of the Vine brothers, identical twins with identical exposures to Lloyd's. It has already emerged that the twin who has paid his debts will continute much to the rescue as his broth-

er, who refused. Acknowledging the problem thrown up by the way the rescue has been structured. Mr Rowland said: "We can't square the circle but what we have sought to do as we have gained more resources has been to make it as palatable as we possibly can."

media

## **BBC** sale attracts interest

The sale of the BBC's transmission business, scheduled to take place later this year, is attracting a high level of interest, sources close to the sit-

uation said yesterday.

Potential bidders include several domestic and international telecommunications companies, at least two cable companies, and NTL, the rival

ITV transmission service. A memorandum on the sale is to be sent to interested parties shortly. This is expected to detail the terms of the BBC's long-term contract with the new company, It is being set in a way that maximises the proceeds of the sale while providing the Corporation with flexibility to use alternative transmission services at some stage in the future.

The Government has already pledged that privatisation will not mean the BBC paying any more for its transmission than it does at the moment.

No decision has yet been taken by the BBC on whether it will be using the existing transmission infrastructure, which is analogue-based, in its plans for digital television. Were it to do so, the newly privatised com-pany would have to invest

heavily in new technology.

The recent sale of NTL for £235m to International CableTel provides a benchmark for valuing the BBC's traismission services. The four transmission sites in the UK devoted to the World Service are being parcelled into a separate business, although can also bid for the inter-

national side. NTL would have the opportunity to make big efficiency savings were it the successful bidder, since it shares many of the sites occupied by the BBC's service. However, the resulting reduction in competition may prove unacceptable to the Government.

## Rivals say open skies is no answer to BA tie-up

**CHRIS GODSMARK** 

An open-skies agreement to liberalise access to Heathrow Airport would do nothing to curb the monopolistic implications of British Airways proposed alliance with American Airlines, rival airline operators told MPs yesterday.

In an unprecedented lobbying effort, Delta, United and Continental Airlines told the Commons Transport Select Committee that the damage to competition would far outweigh any gains from the chance to bid for slots to Heathrow. The hearing follows Richard Branson's outspoken attack on the deal and increases the pressure on UK and US authorities. The Office of Fair Trading is

also investigating.
"We would sacrifice the opportunity to compete for Heathrow in order to stop this

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president of marketing, said. The BA-American tie-up involves merging ticket sales, revenues and marketing operations.

Its critics say it would increase BA's share of the Heathrow-US market from 42.5 to 60 per cent. On routes from Heathrow to Miami and Boston, their combined market share would increase to 100 per cent.

The alliance requires antitrust immunity in the US. In previous cases, US government approval has depended on an open-skies agreement allowing airlines to trade slots.

Rivals insisted yesterday that this would not prevent BA-American from using predatory pricing on the most lucrative routes and monopolising valuable ground facilities at Heathrow to squeeze competition. United Airlines has a similar

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deal going through," Robert tie with Lufthansa which recently received US anti-trust immunity after the conclusion of an open-

A spokesman for BA said after the hearings. "The criticism is a hit rich from airlines who already have deals themselves. "Why shouldn't what's good

for them be good for us?"
But United, Delta and Continental all argue there is greater competition for routes between Frankfurt and the US. Delta claimed it had "no problems with slots to Frankfurt compared with the situation at Heathrow." United said it had 34 per cent

of services from Frankfurt to the US, compared with Delta's 23.6 per cent. BA prefers to compare European routes in general rather than focusing on its priv-ileged position at Heathrow. BA said: "This deal can only lead to lower fares, more competition and greater choice."



Richard Branson: Attacked the BA-American alliance

Continental, United and

Delta last night denied they were combining lobbying efforts in an attempt to sink the alliance. But they admit their campaign against BA was unprecedented. "ft's unprecedented, but so is

# **Eurotherm boss gets**

this proposed deal. It's breath-

taking, it's so ludicrous," said

Barry Simon, Continental's

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vice-president for Europe.

INTEREST RATES

Institutional investors, including Mercury Asset Management, the Prudential, Royal tasurance and Schroders, looked certain last night to win their attempt to reinstate Clacs Hultman as chief executive of the

Leonard, Eurotherm's chairman, who is expected to agree to early retirement. Talks between the company and its most influential institutional investors to thrash out a

#### investors' backing executive directors who, the institutions believe, forced out

TOM STEVENSON

industrial control manufactur-er Eurotherm. Mr Hultman resigned two weeks ago after failing in an attempt to oust Jack

compromise solution broke up last night with no settlement but a deal is expected this week. The negotiations represent

the latest development in an acrimonious boardroom bust-up that has pitched the institutions against Eurotherm's non-

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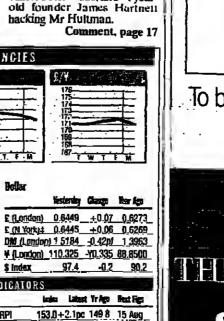
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the man who had transformed

the company. Eurotherm's largest share-holders had known little about Mr Hultman's attempted coup and were furious when the blocking of his plan to replace Mr Leonard effectively forced him to resign. During his tenure as chief exec-utive, Eurotherm's profits have soared from £7m to £34m.

Investors were dismayed at Mr Hultman's resignation and on the day of the announcement the value of the company fell 12 per cent from £530m to £470m. Many feared that without him at the helm, the shares would never again reach their previous levels. The coup attempt split the board, with finance director

Robert Biddle, chief operating officer Peter Wade, and 81 yearold founder James Hartnett backing Mr Hultman.



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COMMENT

'On any realistic assessment British Energy is likely to prove a stupendous cash cow for the next 40 years: if that is not enough it is quite prepared

to pay dividends

out of capital

A bargain basement offer all too easy to refuse The array of excuses trotted out yesterday for the meltdown in British Energy's share price was truly atom-splitting in its range, in
bad. This offer was made about as bargain to believe that anyone in this silly saga has done themselves any good.

with a chief executive as self-confident as Mr Hullman, it might be argued that it is essential. But this is not Guinness, nor is Mr Hullman. The Brak's right to describe the issue as price was truly atom-splitting in its range, in-

genuity and novelty. In no particular order we were told it was due to the weakness of the Dow, intra-dealing among market-makers, Sir Dennis Rooke's unhelpful comments about British Gas shareholders having been conned, misconceived attempts by retail investors to stag the issue and, of course,

that old favourite, short-selling.

And don't forget that the Docklands Light Railway also broke down and the pollen count was high. We are still checking pollen count was high. We are still checking the sun spots. Many and varied are the factors which influence share prices in newly privatised stocks, or so the sponsors would have us believe. The Government and its advisers around at BZW show every intention of brazening out this tatest embarrassment in much the same new as their house ment in much the same way as they have ignored every other sethack in the rush to nuclear privatisation.

whichever way you emerge from under this mushroom cloud of explanations, the picture does not look pretty. If the price was undermined by a wave of selling from small investors hoping for a fast buck but instead getting a swift loss, it suggests either that the Sids have learnt nothing from a decade of popular capitalism or that the Governpopular capitalism or that the Government's dream of share-holding democracy is as empty as ever.

If the answer lies in an investment strike by institutions then the implications are equally

realistic assessment British Energy is likely in prove a stupendous cash cow for the next 40 years and if that is not enough it is quite prepared to pay dividends out of capital.

It is just as well the Government now has nothing left to sell. It is some political achievement to short-change simultaneously both taxpayers and investors. This time there isn't even Professor Stephen Littlechild or Clare Spottiswoode to pin the

#### Institutions used brawn, not brains

Eurotherm's temperature controls and products but the shenanigans in its hoardroom have made compulsive viewing over the past two weeks. If Claes Hultman, the autocratic Swede who huffed out of the company after failing to oust its chairman, is reinstated it will represent a first in the colourful history of corporate hust-ups.

If there has been another instance of a chief executive demanding to be made executive chairman, heing over-ruled by his company's non-executives, resigning, heing wooed hack by a couple of powerful insti-

Unfortunate though most aspects of this story have been, it does throw up a number of corporate governance issues with implications far beyond the otherwise not so very important case of the succession at a middle-ranking industrial controls group. As in the recent case of Farnell's ultimately successful hid to takeover an American rival, Premier, institutions are becoming increasingly prepared to throw their weight around. It is by no means clear who benefits from their more and more public belligerence.

One of the most curious aspects of this boardroom tiff is why it happened at all. The fact that Mr Hultman should fall out with Jack Leonard, Eurotherm's chairman, comes as no surprise. Not known for his charm or reticence, Mr Hultman has done a fantastic job in turning round Eurotherm's fortunes. In the process he has put a number of noses out of joint. But why he could not have waited until Mr Leonard's planned retirement next Fehruary to flex his muscles remains a mystery.

Equally unclear is how non-executives, all of whom have first hand experience of working with strong-willed company bosses, allowed themselves to be manoeuvred into the position of effectively ousting the man who had saved the company. It is plainly tutions and returning to exactly the job he resigned, it has passed us by, it is bard to roles of chairman and chief executive and regard our credit worthiness. Only organi-

man Ernest Saunders. In a small to medium sized company, combining the roles of chairman and chief executive is perfectly acceptable practice.

As for the Pru and MAM, the leading agitators, it could be fairly claimed that they have overstepped their remit. Certainly as owners of a business they have a strong interest in the composition of the hoard, but if they are to strong arm non-executives into reversing the decisions they are appointed make then why bother appointing them in the first place? If institutions want to start actively interfering in the management of companies, then they should also accept the share trading limitations that go with such responsibilities. But they won't of course. Nobody emerges with any credit from this sorry little episode.

#### The pound is not a sterling performer

The Bank of England could scarcely conceal its glee at the success of its surprise S2bn Eurobond issue yesterday. The bond was subscribed at a premium of just five basis points above US Treasuries, putting the UK right at the top end of the top bracket

countries pay a great deal more.

The Bank is right to describe the issue as "a triumph". Unfortunately its not quile the same story when it comes to horrowing in sterling. International investors may think the UK's credit worthiness top notch, but they still don't much like the currency in which it does the great bulk of its borrowing. When it comes to investing in bonds denominated in our own inflation prone currency - the poor old pound - they still demand top dol-lar. The Government is forced to borrow in sterling at a considerable premium to the price the US pays for its own, dollar-denom-inated borrowings. This concise measure of the Government's anti-inflation credibility or lack of it has shown a widening gap between the rates on UK and other government debt since early in 1994. It is a phenomenon that has troubled the Bank of England and goes a long way to explain its discreet opposition to Kenneth Clarke's base rate decisions. The Chancellor was none the less displaying his usual sunny disposition yesterday. He told members of the Treasury Select Committee that, as far as the economy goes, we will he able to have our cake and eat it too, along with cocktail sausages and crisps and a beer or two. Growth is picking up, government borrowing is on a down-ward path, and the economy is not overheating. So inflation will stay low, he insisted. What a shame the markets are so sceptical.

City trading: Automated share settlement system will demolish mountain of paperwork and cut costs

## Crest gets settled in at Exchange

Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, officially launched the Crest automated share settlement system yesterday, which will remove mountains of paper from institutional back offices, writes

Also present were Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, and Pen Kent, chairman of CrestCo. The Crest system, developed by the Bank over the past three years and owned by 69 financial institutions, began operations

Crest's annual running costs of £35m are roughly half those of Talisman, the paper-based system. The Government asked the Bank to develop Crest after the Stock Exchange's own proiect. Taurus, failed at a cost to the City of around £400m. City Diary, page 18



Making waves: Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, (above) said, "The launch of Crest takes share transfer in London into a new era. It will help keep London at the cutting edge as one of the world's leading financial centres'

the first half of June, while

footwear sales were the best for

of electronic goods, aside from

ever-popular personal com-

puters. But anything else relat-

ed to the housing market -

china, curtains, furniture and

The football-mania hit sales

months.

#### IN BRIEF

 The Confederation of British Industry today calls for an extra £25hn to be pumped into the country's transport system over the next decade to reduce congestion, create jobs, improve competitiveness and stimulate inward investment. A report from the employers organisation says that annual spending should increase from £8.75bn a year over the past 10 years to £11.25bn a year over the next, with the share of investment accounted for by the roads programme falling from 66 per cent to 62 per cent. Private inance could provide a third of the investment necessary to complete key projects such as the Birmingham Northern Relief Road, upgrading the West Coast Mainline and modernisation of the London Underground.

• Electrabel, the Belgian utility, yesterday snapped up a 1.5 per cent stake in ScottishPower as part of a technology co-operation agreement between the two companies, Electrabel, which is 40 per cent-owned by the engineering conglomerate Tractabel, said it would limit its shareholding to a maximum of 5 per cent for two years. There are no plans for ScottishPower to huy a cross-shareholding.

 Some of New York's largest securities firms will have to begin random taping of conversations of traders at their over-the-counter desks as part of a settlement with the United States Justice Department into allegations of price-fixing on the Nasdaq exchange. In return for increased in-house surveillance by the firms, the government into allegations of price-fixing on the Nasdaq exchange. ernment will end its two-year investigation without filing criminal charges or imposing fines. However, the introduction of taping systems is expected to cost companies up to \$1m (£645,000) each. Hitherto, US securities firms have not recorded over-thecounter transactions.

 Cable & Wireless has sold its 51 per cent stake in Mercury Paging to a US management team for £36m. Mobile Telecommunications Technology Corp, which has 29 per cent of Mercury Paging, and Motorola Inc, which has 20 per cent, have also sold their stakes to the management team for a total £24m. C&W will continue age or an integrated communications solution. The operation of the paging services will be outsourced to the new team.

 Property letting in London's Docklands is at its highest level since development began 15 years ago, despite a huge IRA bomb in February which rocked the area near Canary Wharf tower. The London Docklands Development Corporation, which oversees development of the former docks, said more than 1.37 million sq feet of office space was let during 1995/96, compared with 1 million sq feet the previous year. LDDC's chairman Michael Pickard expects 90 per cent of the businesses which were forced out of their offices by the IRA bombing of South Quay would remain in the Docklands area.

## Economic recovery gathers pace

Economics Editor

The economic recovery promised by Chancellor Kenneth Clarke gathered steam last month. Alongside another surge in high street spending came signs that the benefits were trickling down into the de-

pressed construction industry. The growth in retail sales in June was the second-highest it had recorded in two and a half years, boosted by good weather and the housing market, the

continued to pick up, too, with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors saying more estate agents were reporting rising prices than at any time since the property boom.

Builders are finally beginning to share the fruits of recovery. according to the Building Employers Confederation. It said construction output increased in the second quarter of the year,

survey of big retailers. This was up from 6.2 per cent in May and around 4 per cent in the first four months of the year, indicating that the improving trend on the high street is being sustained.

Andrew Higginson, chairman of its economic affairs committee, said: "Consumer confidence and willingness to spend has certainly improved. and this is reflected in greater

carpets - sold well.

The survey noted that, apart from May, when official statistics for the value of retail sales fell unexpectedly, its indicator has tended to understate the actual growth of sales by about 1

of Chartered Surveyors.
The highest balance of rising prices since October 1988, it was dominated by London and the South-east, A balance of 78 per cent of estate agents in the region said prices increased, fuelled by an acute shortage of properties for sale.

revival of the housing market

was provided by estate agents.

A net balance of 30 per cent of

agents said prices went up rather

than down in the three months

to the end of June compared

with three months to the end of

May, according to the monthly survey by the Royal Institution

The national average of homes for sale per agent stands at just 124, the lowest figure since spring 1989.

There were tentative signs that the upturn in housing is hringing relief to hard-pressed builders. The April-June survey of the construction industry reported the first improvement in output since the beginning of 1995, although the rise was

Paul Shepherd, chairman of the Building Employers Con-federation, said: "We can at last hegin to see some light at the end of a very long, dark tunnel." He warned, however, that the outlook for employment in the industry was still hleak. "We

need a continued regime of low interest rates and inflation levels," he said.

The improvement in output last quarter was due to increases in private housing, industrial and commercial demand, along with non-housing repair and maintenance.

## Airbus lands \$2.5bn jet order

MICHAEL HARRISON

Airbus Industrie, the fournation aircraft manufacturer, yesterday stole a march on its arch-rival Boeing by landing a \$2.5bn (£1.6bn) order for 45 jets from the leasing arm of US corporation General Electric.

The deal could eventually be worth nearly \$5bn if options for a further 45 aircraft are turned

into firm orders. Airbus, in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake, is supplying General Electric Cap-nal Aviation Services with 40 aircraft from the short-range A320 family and five ultra-long range Airbus A340s. All the aircraft will be powered by CFM56 en-gines, made by a joint venture between GE and Snecma of

The deal comes a week after the four Airbus partners agreed to convert the consortium into a single corporate entity and will serve as a fillip to Airbus as it fights to erode Boeing's domination of the market.

This the first order Airbus has received from GECAS and increases Airbus's firm order book so far this year to 188 air-craft worth \$13.5bn against 106 orders in the whole of last year. Jean Pierson, managing di-

rector of Airbus, said: "The decision by GECAS to invest in our aircraft for the first time and in such significant numbers further consolidates the strong market appeal of our new generation products and reflects the continuing growth of our world markel share."

Sales of the A320 family stand at 1,060 firm orders from 49 customers while the A330-A340 family has captured 321 firm orders from 41 airlines, giving it 44 per cent of the market for aircraft in the 250-350 seat range, Airbus said.

Deliveries of the A 319! A320/A321 jets are due to begin in the middle of next year and continue at a rate of 10-15 aircraft a year up to 2001. The A340s will be delivered between 1999 and 2001. Airbus has set itself the target of becoming a full public company with its own assets and equity by 1999,





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INSTRUMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS

#### the first rise since early 1995. optimism among retailers." The weather and Euro 96 Retail sales were 7 per cent boosted beer sales. The sunhigher than a year earlier, the British Retail Consortium said BRC reported in its monthly shine helped clothing sales in

Chancellor cheers doubting MPs

Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, raised hopes of both tax cuts and lower interest rates as he told MPs yesterday that the economy was poised for strong acceleration in growth without any risk of inflation

picking up. In buoyant mood, he shrugged off the shortfall in tax revenues below the Treasury's earlier forecasts which led him to announce big upward revisions in targets for the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement (PSBR) last week.

"A PSBR forecast that is only out by £4.5bn is not bad by historical standards," he assured the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee yesterday. "The key to policy is that borrowing must be kept firmly on a downward path.

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Mr Clarke reaffirmed the commitment to bring the Gov-

MATHEW HORSMAN

Reuters, the financial in-

ormation company, yesterday

minched its long-awaited 3000

series information system in

the UK and Ireland, in a high-

stakes bid to see off increased

competition from competitors

such as US-based supplier

The new system, developed

over three years at a cost of £70m

and aimed at replacing the 10-

year old 2000 series, boasts ac-

cess to an extensive historical data

base, a feed from Reuters Tele- markets."

Media Editor

Bloomberg.

A buoyant Kenneth Clarke is shrugging off tax revenue shortfall, writes Diane Coyle

ernment budget towards balance in the medium term. But he agreed that lower than expected inflation had created some £3.5bn in slack in current pub-

lic spending plans. Reducing the spending target be that amount would be more than enough to cut the basic rate of income tax by a penny, provided there is no further slippage in the PSBR.

Mr Clarke said there was no satisfactory explanation of the shortfall in tax revenues below the Treasury's earlier forecasts. But he added that revenues were growing - just not as quick-

ly as he had expected.

The forecasts are treated ridiculously. They will be quite

Reuters' 3000 guns for rivals

day said was the best interna-

tional data available through

takes Reuters one step beyond

Bloomberg." Brian Newman

at Henderson Crosthwaite, said

yesterday. "It is far more user-

friendly and will definitely in-crease Reuters' market share."

John Parcell, managing di-

rector, UK and Ireland, said:

Since we launched the 2000 se-

ries, there has been a phenom-

enal number of changes and

upheavals in the financial

This latest series certainly

dedicated screen systems.

different this time next year, I guarantee you a pound to a pen-

ny," he said.
The Chancellor defended his optimistic outlook for growth in the second half of this year. In new forecasts last week he predicted it would climb from under 2 per cent in the first half of the year to nearly 4 per cent in the second half. "My confident

widely shared," he said However, the Chancellor de-nied that this view was inconsistent with his decision to cut the level of base rates last month. He said he gave most weight to the direction of the real economy in setting interest rates.

views are becoming ever more

"People are warning me of a

The system will be delivered

from the second half of 1996.

but is unlikely to have an im-

pact on pre-tax profits until

1997. Analysis expect interna-tional banks and large fund

managers to be the first to up-

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ries, although most current

users are expected to switch

within the next five years.

risk of overheating in the economy when at the moment we are still at a rather low temperature." he said, in a remark sure to be taken as leaving scope for a fur-ther cut in base rates. Mr Clarke and Eddic George,

Governor of the Bank of England, are due to hold their next monetary meeting on 30 July. Mr Clarke said he was surprised the Office for National Statistics had not yet revised up its figures for GDP earlier this year, adding that he had decided not to raise interest rates last May because he had not believed the statistics.

This swipe at the figures follows his recent statement that his Treasury "boffins" bad made mistakes

and his criticism last week of the Bank of England's inflation fore-casts. Mr Clarke added insult to injury: "I did not accuse them of bad forecasts. I simply said their forecasts had always been wrong."

per cent of the company, said it

hold 38 per cent of the company. The Middle East investors have

so far made no comment about

The rescue deal involves a £73.6m share issue that would give up to 40 per cent of the enlarged share capital to a Malaysian construction group. Intria

Costain's hopes of securing ap-proval for a controversial refi-Costain has no plans to meet its nancing package received a two biggest investors - Kuwaiti boost vesterday when one of the construction firm Kharafi and biopest shareholders in the trou- Saudi-based Raymond Internabled construction group came tional - which between them

their intentions.

The new system is priced at about 5 per cent more than the 2000, but offers what Reuters yesterday called the "most comprehensive product packages introduced for nearly a decade.

## M&G backing boosts Costain rescue hopes

out in support of the deal, writes Patrick Tooher. M&G, which speaks for 7.36

would vote in favour of the package at next Monday's egm. Alan Lovell, Costain's chief executive, said he would be meeting other institutional shareholders this week in a bid

## Light at end of tunnel for P&O

The 9p rise in P&O's share price yes-lerday to 492p represented a welcome respile after almost three years of dramatic underperformance by the container shipping to ferries, cruises and property conglomerate.

capped a bad 48 hours for Lord Sterling, the group's chairman. He won't have relished the implied confirmation of a Sunday newspaper survey of fund managers suggesting that most of the

large institutions were after his head. The poor performance of P&O in recent years partly reflected the market's disenchantment with conglomerates generally. But there are a number of company-specific problems that P&O

is struggling to overcome. Put together in a haphazard way over many years, P&O is a ragbag of unrelated interests, a fact tacitly acknowledged in March when Lord Sterling pre-empted calls for a break-up by promising a £1bn disposal and flotation programme to create a more focused group with fewer, larger divisions.

The programme, which included the flotation of Bovis Homes, and the sale of £500m of investment properties would, Lord Sterling hoped, return the group to operating margins of 15 per cent, a level P&O had not achieved in more than a decade.

It would also generate the cash to continue paying a 30.5p dividend, the level of the payout for years now and patently unsustainably high in the absence of the cash provided by property sales in the boom years of the 1970s and 1980s. Inflation has always bailed P&O out; now the company was showing signs of tearning to live in a less l'avourable environment.

That was the theory. Since then the shares have continued to underperform as the market focused on the fact that, while P&O's businesses are not intrinsically badly run, they are operating in difficult markets. Commercial property is in the dolorums, container shipping is fiercely competitive and generates a return on assets little hetter than a building society account, and the cross-Channel ferry market has been clobbered by the Channel Tunnel.

As a result, analysts have steadily edged lorecasts back and last year's fall in profits from £350m to £320m, itself a collapse from 1993's £521m, is unlikely to be rectified this year. Profits of per-

haps 2315m are the consensus now. There is some light at the end of the tunnel, however, and if, as expected, the Government clears the way this week for some sort of co-operation between ForD and Stena on the hard-hit cross-Channel roules then prospects could brighten considerably for one of the group's largest and most troubled divisions. The other good news is that P&O's dividend looks reasonably safe. At almost 8 per cent, the gross income on that payout looks increasingly attractive at more than twice the rate of

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN much further will be difficult in an increasingly competitive environment, es-

tions, including Rhode Island-based

George Mann which made Ellis the

fifth-largest chemicals distributor in the

US. Almost half of profits come from

across the pond. All told, five businesses

have been bought so far this year and

Cost control is another key to Ellis's

success. Despite the increased level of

business, distribution and administra-

tive expenses rose by only 2-3 per-

Tight working capital control and

strong cash flow also did wonders for

the balance sheet. Gearing balved to

16 per cent, despite Ellis splashing out

growth is likely to be a little more re-

Having re-focused on chemicals dis-

tribution and sold off loss-makers, Ellis

increasingly relies on corporate activ-

ity to drive profits ahead. While the

track record in this area is good, the

number of earnings-enhancing deals out there is not infinite.

cle is becoming less volatile, making stock profits more difficult to achieve

while raising the prospect of stock

And pushing up operating margins

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£14m on acquisitions.

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Market value: £2.98bn, share price 492p

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should add £60m to turnover.

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The bounce will, however, have inflation and, if nothing else, it puts a £12.7m contribution from acquisisolid floor under the share price. Lord Sterling may still have an uphill strug-gle to rehuild hridges with the City, but the shares look good value.

#### Ellis rides the chemical bronco

For a company ostensibly exposed to the vagaries of the chemical price cycle. Ellis and Everard's track record is second to none. As Jonathan Taylor, chairman of the Bradford-based chemicals distributor, highlighted yesterday, earnings per share and pre-tax profits have almost doubled in the last three years, a period which has seen massive swings in chemicals prices. The share price has responded accordingly, nearly doubling from a low of 153p at the end

of 1992 to 282p yesterday. Results for the year to April once again make impressive reading. Stripping out a one-off £7.7m charge taken on last year's sale of a swimming pool equipment and food and drink hygiene business, pre-tax profits rose 22 per cent to a record £25.6m on turnover 11 per cent up at £571m. Earnings per share were 8 per cent higher at 20p, while the

9.2p payout is a tenth up on last year. The sales figure includes a maiden

Five-Year record

Dividends per share (pence)

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Turnover (200)

Shareholders funds 2bn

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Analysis nudged up their profits forecasts for the full year by about

£500,000 to £29.5m, suggesting a forward price-earnings ratio of less than 13 with the shares at 282p. That is an undemanding rating, but probably is an accurate reflection of more subdued prospects going forward. Hold.

#### Shandwick gets connected

centage points, squeezing operating margins higher. Investors who bought sbares in Shandwick International, the public relations firm, at just a little more than 4p back in the nadir days of 1992 have reason to be grateful for the company's return to favour since the recession. That is not much consolation, of course, for However, there are several reasons those who have been on the share-to believe that the recent rapid rate bolder register since the heady days of late 1991, when the thrusting, globe-trotting firm was being built, and the

shares soared as high as 136p.
Today, at a price of 50p, it looks like the bad old days are gone even if the pre-recession beights will not be scaled anytime soon. Unveiling sparkling results yesterday for the first half of 1996. with pre-tax profits ahead nearly 11 per cent to £3.6m on revenues 12.6 per cent up to £58.8m, the company confidently predicted double-digit growth in the second half and beyond. The impetus is a roster of leading clients, and the prospect of even more business from truly global customers, who want to take advantage of Shandwick's expensively built network in Europe, Asia

Pacific, the UK and the US. Indications that there are, indeed, such global clients were proved by two key account wins: Digital Equipment and MasterCard. Both see Shandwick, the world's largest "independent" PR firm, as being capable of providing full-service public relations in all the key markets in which they operate.

Big spenders like this can be crucial to future growth. The average spend of all clients is a modest £60,000 a year. The big three, however should account for £2m or more a year each, helping to drive revenues forward nicely.

Shandwick bas also branched out impressively into Internet-related services

(building web pages, for example), having followed customer demand.

Looking ahead, full-year pre-tax profits ought to reach £9m, climbing to £10m in 1997. With current year earnings per share likely to hit 4.7p, the stock is on an undemanding multiple of about 11 times. As a company that this past year outperformed the market by 25 per cent in earnings terms but underperformed by 25 per cent in share price terms, there appears to be ample room for growth.

NIC CICUTTI

BAT, the tobacco giant yes-terday announced that it was rationalising its UK financial

services operations, including Allied Dunbar, Eagle Star and

Threadneedle Asset Manage-ment, under a single umbrella

company. British American Financial

Services (BAFS) will oversee

the development of the three

brands, which will aim to cater

for different sections of the

about £50m a year by bringing

some operations under com

mon management, although it

declined yesterday to say

whether reductions in staff

BAFS believes it can save

financial services market.

# The best laid plans with mice and chancellors ...

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

We all knew about Ken Clarke's brown suede shoes. his pints and panatellas, It was worrying, however, to see the guardian of the nation's finances struggling to launch Crest vesterday lunchtime. To be sure, the "launch" of

the automated share-settlement system was the merest of media slunts - the actual system bad been switched on at four in the morning.

The Chancellor duly turned up at Crest's plush new offices overlooking St Katherine's Docks, with bankers and Treasury mandarins in tow. Even a beaming Sir lain Vallance of BT was there | if BT's Syntegra, part of Crest.

crashes, then its his fault). All our Ken had to do was tap a computer mouse twice and the screen provided would then announce "the launch of Crest". Which he did once, but only photographers saw. The huge mon of grandees and staff were at the other end of the building, quaffing champagne.

So Ken decided to launch it again, But, as he confessed. fletting me loose with a mouse is always reckless".

A team of spin doctors leapt forward and reprogrammed the screen, but the Chancellor tapped the mouse to no avail. "Tap it twice. TWICE, squeaked a Treasury underling. And lo, it was launched.

The Crest system is really the baby of two men, Pen Kent, the Bank of England director sent in by the Goverament to clean up after the Taurus mess, and Ian Saville,

personnel director as its new chief executive. Peter Bareau. a violin-playing Old Etonian. has spent most of his career

The London Docklands Development Corporation is in the process of winding down, and is determined to present a glow-ing picture of its achievements, Yet even as Michael Pickard, chairman of the LDDC, was outlining its triumphs yesterday at the launch of its annual report, the Docklands Light Rail-

way was suffering one of its most spectacular failures.

The DLR, Docklands's only link to central London apart from miles of traffic-clogged roads, is in the command of a computer system that keeps crashing. Yesterday, sweating passengers were informed of a signal failure, and then told that "the computer system had crashed and they would have to reboot the system". The report trills: "Research has shown that the DLR is itself the single most popular tonrist attraction to London Docklands."

BAT revamps financial services

Hum. How about a masechists' convention?



Bull fighter: Penn Kent, the Bank director sent in to clean up after Taurus and set up the Crest settlement system

with Lloyds Bank Interna-

the Amazon. Boring high

street bankers used to refer

to such exotic creatures envi-

ously as "the Orinoco boys".

Several years ago. Mr Barcau was called back, and

became personnel director.

The TSB merger swept this

job away and although Mr

Bareau has not vet had his

leaving party, be has been

catch malaria in National

Street head office.

Savings's Kensington High

So who is Claes Hultman,

chief executive of Euro-

open to offers for some time.

He's certainly less likely to

tional, much of it half way up

the ebullient chief executive of Crest, also from the Bank. They formed a "Mr Nice and Mr Nasty" due, according to one senior banker, bludgeoning the vested interests which sank Taurus into submission.

Mr Saville started the Crest project with a bushy moustache, but shaved it off two years ago, This was nothing to do with the project, a spokesman stressed, but on the instructions of his wife.

National Savings has snapped up Lloyds's former

therm, the electronic equip ment manufacturer, who left in a huff when the non-execs wouldn't allow him to become chairman as well? Now the institutions have

gin to sell its own badged unit company said that Eagle Star

almost put him hack in the saddle, we can reveal that be is 49. Swedish, and spends one month a year on a small island he owns off the Swedish coast. His most famous saving is:

Power isn't something you get, its something you grab." With a little help, from the Pru and MAM, it seems.

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looking to develop activities in new areas, including healthcare and savings products, possibly by acquisition.

At the same time, the com-

Threadneedle, the fund man-

calibre team is in place'

pany confirmed that it was still agentent arm of BAT, will be-

and via the independent financial advice distribution channel. By contrast, Eagle Star will develop what the company yeslerday called a "directassurance arm", a telephone-based range of general insurance, plus simple life and pensions products aimed at the mass

market:

Its own unit trust operation, while continuing with the Eagle Star brand name, will also be managed by Threadneedle. The

trust and other lump-sum inwould be focused on "convestment products to savers. Its sumers who want to be in conproducts will also be sold by Altrol of the buying process and want to satisfy their needs in lied Dunhar's salesforce, whose unil trusts will be branded

quick and simple ways'.

BAT's reorganisation follows a review of its entire financial under the Threadneedle name. Allied Dunbar will concentrate on advice to middle-marservices operation lasting sevkel and professional customers, eral months. through its own direct salesforce

Although Eagle Star has a high reputation outside the UK, and is a strong force in the UK general insurance market. some experis had suggested the company might lose the right to brand any life and pensions products.

Paul Manduca, chief executive at the fund manager, said: "Now we have a truly high-cal-ibre team in place. We also aim to develop into a truly global investment house, managing money into all markets."

#### In Brief

would follow.

• Pentland Group intends to reject Warnaco Group Inc's off for its 23 per cent shareholding in Authentic Fitness Corp. It licensee for Pentland's Speedo brand in North America, Mexicology. co and the Caribbean. The offer values the holding at \$100 (£64.5m), but this may fluctuate with the trading price of Wa naco shares. Pentland said. Stephen Rubin, chairman of Pentland, said: "We have no objection in principle to the acquisition of AFC by Warnaco ... [hut] we believe the current offer doc not recognise the future prospects for AFC and does not re-resent sufficient value for AFC's shareholders."

 Life Numbers, which specialises in the sale of personal telephone numbers, is seeking admission to the Alternative Investment Market. The company has raised £600,000 through a placing handled by Corporate Synergy, which will enable it to recruit stat fund a national advertising compaign and purchase new equi ment. Separately, SCi Entertainment Group, a developer and put lisher of interactive entertainment software, intends to see admission to AIM later this month, by means of a placing by Pe

 MEPC has exchanged contracts to huy Caledonian Land for £29m cash. The purchase price reflects a property valuation approximately £83m together with debt to be assumed by MEP of £54m. Caledonian has a portfolio of 25 properties totallin 340,000 sq metres, the majority of which are industrial estate located in the area of Glasgow through to Edinburgh.

· BOC Group is making its first move into Russia's industr al gas industry. The company has signed a conditional agreement to acquire a controlling interest in the Volgograd Oxyge Factory, one of Russia's top three industrial gases companie and the leading supplier to industry and hospitals in souther

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## In praise of the portfolio investment revolution

It might seem a bad moment, with equity markets wohlly worldwide, to sing in praise of portfolio investment. But two recent studies of the financial services industry highlight the enormous importance that portfolio investment is taking oo for the world economy in general and for Britain in particular. For we are in the middle of a revolution in the scale and significance of cross-border portfolio investment. It is a creeping revolution, which is why it attracts little attentioo; but it is a revolution

The two studies were last week's figures from British invisibles on the City of Loodon's foreign earnings: and the annual survey of equity fund management, ranking the largest cities of the world, from the New

York research group Technimetrics.
The City Table, as it is called, attracted some attention because it showed that net overseas earnings of the UK financial sector last year topped £20bo for the first time. Of that, £7.2bn was portfolio investment income - there was another billion of direct investment income and the remaining £12bn was income from vices. To put that £7.2bn figure in perspective, it is more than twice the size of the current account deficit last year of £2.9bn, and more than half the size of the shortfall oo physical trade, £11.6bn or the deficit oo government transactions of just under £12bn. So at the margin, the City's portfolio income is enor-

mously important. It has one further attraction aside from its size: it is regular. While the trade account swings from one extreme to the other, and the rest of the invisible trade account is also subject to fluctuations, the portfolio component is steadily climbing. It has

ECONOMIC VIEW HAMISH MCRAE

risen from a surplus of £2.8bn 10 years ago.

Now look at portfolio investment, not from a balance of payments point of view but from the point of view of the fund management industry, as shown in the Technimetrics study. The obvious headline point here is that Loodon now manages more than \$1,000bn (£645bn) of institutional equities, well ahead of New York, and second only to Tokyo on this measure. Thanks to the lack-lustre performance of Japanese share shares; but Loudon is running in-

fifth of the size of the US. The answer more widely spread in North America than it is here; there are a host of important other fund management ceotres in the US. Boston in particular, whereas here only Edinburgh reaches the list at number 14. But the main reason is that London is not just managing UK money invested in UK shares. New York is principally placing US finds into US equities, Tokyo, Japanese savings into Japanese

#### Western societies must save more of their GNP to cushion pension costs'

prices last year, it significantly nar-rowed the gap with Tokyo: funds managed here rose by more than 30 ternational portfolios for anyone with the funds. Figures on this area are always per cent while in Tokyo there was no movement at all. But of course the scoreboard can be distorted by swings in currencies and markets, and all US fund management centres last year were flattered by the strong US share performance. A crash on Wall Street and a recovery in Japanese share prices would quickly push Tokyo's position up again vis-a-vis New York and possibly London.

The pecking order of cities raises a further point; why is London a more important portfolio management centre than New York? The domestic market here is less than one-

Figures on this area are always hard to come by, and often harder to interpret. London is certainly the largest international equity management centre. We know that about 60-70 per cent of the world's crossborder equity trading takes place in London and it looks as though something like that proportion of cross-border fund management may also take place here. But we do not know much about the long-term trends of the business. We do not even know the answer to basic ques-tions such as whether the trend will be to manage funds from the places

where the investments are placed (i.e.

manage Chinese shares from, say, Hong Kong even though the funds are placed elsewhere).

What we can see from this chart is partly that fund management is is a very concentrated industry-after

> alisation of financial markets still has a lot of momentum behind it. There is no evidence at all of a decline in the appetite for cross-barder investment, nor does it seem to arouse the nationalistic responses that some cross-border takeovers seem to generate. It suits companies. Multinationals are seeking to broaden their shareholder base, seeing this as a use-ful way of establishing a local lobby of support in the countries in which they operate. And it suits investors to broaden the base of their savings, rather than relying too heavily on any one national market. While there is concern about some aspects of the power of international markets - in particular that of the foreign exchanges - there is less concern about attracting international funds.

The second is that the pool of global savings will rise very rapidly over the next 20 years. Ageing West-ero societies will have to save a larger proportion of their GNP to cushion

Hong Kong even though the monev comes from elsewhere), or whether management will move to where the savings are coming from (i.e. manage Chinese savings from

the top five the graph slopes away pretty fast. This suggests that critical mass is an important factor in the comparative advantage of portfolio management centres. What we cannot see is whether portfolio management skills will become a relatively more important aspect of economic competition that they have been in the past. I think, however, they will for two broad reasons. The first is that the process of glob-

cation of savings for at least the next decade, maybe longer.

TOP 20 INTERNATIONAL TARGET CITIES

tanked by institutional equity holdings, \$ billions

the cost of pensions for their older populations. Ageing will also affect what we think of as the newly industrialised countries, which already save a lot, as it has already affected

In theory this pool of savings could be redistributed by the banking system, but the last few years have demonstrated the limits of that. While hanks will always have a place in the allocation of funds, it seems clear that markets will continue to play a greater relative role in alloIf managing this pool of savings will be a growing husiness, doing it well will be an economically impor-

At the moment we as individuals think of a well-managed pension fund as helping guarantee a good standard of living in retirement. Transfer that thought to an ageing country: a well-managed portfolio of investments will help guarantee a good standard of living for is future generations of retired people.

Since the war, investment income from abroad has for most countries been a tiny proportion of income

when set against current income from producing goods and services. It still is. That £7bn of portfolio income noted above is only about I per cent of our national income. But before the First World War the situation was

quite different. The UK received more than 10 per cent of its income from overseas investments. As savings mount, and as part of those savings are invested overseas, expect the proportion of earnings from this source to rise

Wise portfolio management will matter more and more.

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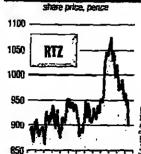
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## National Power tries to unplug Footsie with 145p dive

sie with its shares off a display had an unexpectedly staggering 145p at 389p.

There was nothing untoward at the UK's biggest gen-erator. It had merely picked yet another of those days when the of lower interest rates tossed stock market was wilting to re-ward its own shareholders. aside . It was

NP's dividend has a gross 100p a share, had been known about for weeks and it was surprising the market was not prepared to factor it into its calculations much nearer the date of declaration rather than wait until the shares went ex-

100 index by the NP payment. It could, therefore, be argued that NP was responsible for the poor start made by Footsie which, allowing for dividend

## National Power made a de-termined bid to uoplug Foot-ritory until a weak New York

crunching impact.

Footsie ended the session 30 points down at 3,698.3 with, at least for the time being, hopes

It was another unhealthy session for hard-pressed British valuation of 147p and a net worth of 117.6p. The payment, including a special dividend of crucial 2.050p rights price. ending 18p down at 2.040p. In response the nil-paid rights col-lapsed from 18p to just 2p; they were 403p a few weeks ago.

The £143.4m cash call closes tomorrow and there is clearly a very real possibility the underwriters, led by Kleinwort No less than 10.2 points Benson, will for once be forced were wiped from the FT-SE to earn their rich commissions Benson, will for once be forced and take up a large proportion of the shares.

Some have blamed the



#### MARKET REPORT

## DEREK PAIN

Stock market repurter nf the year

cannibalisation as shares have been sold to provide funds for the Bribio issue.

another profit downgrading appeared in the wake of the Sumitomo fiasco. A cut by James Capel left the shares floundering at 900p, off another 16p, Capel has cut from £960m to £840m and from £1bn to £900m. Six weeks ago

the shares were 1,074p.

Hanson remained depressed, down to 167p, and BTR suffered another humiliating slide, off 5.5p at 235.5p. Bribio rights for much of the another 12-month low. Tom- sheer power of private in-

There have been suggestions of glomerate discontent, losing its recent strength to fall 9p to

British Energy, already RTZ, the resources giant, had another difficult session as suffered its own form of meltdown. The partly-paid shares managed a modest 3p premium in early trading but col-lapsed under the weight of Sid selling, coding at 94p after touching 92.5p.

According to Seaq a stag-gering 163.6 million shares

were traded, around a quarter of the market's volume.

It seemed many institutions, allegedly underweight, decided to hold hack and let the disarray in hiotech sector. kins too, fell victim to the con-vestor selling turn the Gov-

into the disaster many had for the interactive TV group, had

long predicted Enrotherm rallied 13p to further 100p to 335p although 547p on chatter departing chief there were indications of diexecutive Claes Hultman could

retain an important role. Tesco was again haunted by the possibility of a French strike. It now seems as inevitable as a wonky super-market trolley that it will be tempted into a £2.5bn bid for Docks de France, the beleaguered French supermarket chain. Any such excursion will force Tesco into a hefty cash

P&O rose 9p to 492p. apparently reflecting satisfaction with the institutional view chairman Lord Sterling should bid a sad farewell and reports more relaxation on its ferry op-

ing package BAA, the airports to 54p.

a difficult session, falling a

rector-buying at 340p. Tunstall's profit warning removed a further 32p to 278p and Cardeast's admission it had yet to sign a deal with Credit Mutual, the French group, lowered the shares 7p to 73p. Eidos, the US selling the shares have video technology group, slumped 62p to 683p oo a to 895p. ocar-£2m loss.

Fayrewood, an audio equipment group, made an upbeat AIM debut, reaching 43p from a 36p placing.

Goldsborough, the healthcare group growing increasing confident of throwing off the hostile £76m bid from Westof property sales and hopes of minster Healthcare, which closes today, fell 14p to 148p with Westminster off 14p at Ahead of today's expected 295p. First Choice, the holiday Civil Aviation Authority pric- group, tumbled a further 10p

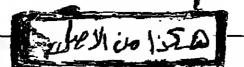
TAKING STOCK with JD Wetherspoon, the

highly-rated pubs chain, coming to an end." A US investment group has been an avid Wetherspoon follower, helping to drive the shares to a peak of 1,053p. But in recent weeks there has been talk of US disenchantment and although there is no evidence of fallen; they lost a further 51 p

[]Medeva, bumping along at 238p, should lift profits to £103.5m this year from £79m, say Société Générale Strauss Turnbull

Analysts Paul Diggle and Alyson Coates are impressed by the acquisition of the US Rochester group. They are looking for profits to move further abead to £134m next year and regard the shares n

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TOUR DE FRANCE: Big guns gather to launch attack on slender lead held by Denmark's Riis as race enters the Pyrenees

## Time for Indurain to make his move

ROBIN NICHOLL with the Tour de France

The uneasy truce is coming to an end in the Tour de France. After allowing the lowly to feed at the table for five days, the "lords" of the pack mount their final challenge to wrest the yellow jersey from the troad shoulders of Bjarne Riis.

Miguel Indurain has 4min 38sec to wipe out if he is to triumph in Paris on Sunday for a record sixth time in as many years.

Riis, 56 seconds clear of secood-placed Ahraham Olano, sets the sceoe for today's pre-lude to the Pyreoees. "Perhaps this is the key moment of the clear for his first Tour victory. Tour," the Dane said after a week in the famous colours.

"It certainly will be most important that my form is the best I have had in my career. I just hope that I fare well because I do believe that I can win in Paris."

Yesterday: Stage 15

Brive-La-Galllarde to Villeneuve-sur-Lot

indurain remains coolly confident. Not easy in temperatures rising above 30C and especially after his off-day in the Alps. "I am not finished yet," he said, knowing that the final 13 of today's 199 kilometres rise nastily to 1,560 metres on the Hautacam mountain overlooking Lourdes.

It is a slog of eight per cent where the heavyweights such as Riis and Indurain may struggle against the livelier lightweights such as the Russian Yevgeny Berzin II is the first test of strength. Wednesday's stage into Spain covers five mountains. Yesterday, however, gave new hope to Italy's Massimo Podenzana who raced into Villeoeuve-sur-Lot 37 secoods

"I was thinking of retiring but maybe I will give it another year," he said. Podenzana celchrates his 35th birthday a week after the Tour finishes. He only signed for Carrera a week be-fore the Tour started and before

Today: Stage 16

Agen to Laurdes-Hautacam

yesterday's joy his career high-lights were nine days as leader of the 1988 Tour of Italy and, this year, winning the Italian road race title for a third time.

When he sprinted away from his five co-leaders, each invited the others to take up the chase but their dithering left it too late. Once Australia's Neil Stephens began the pursuit their chances looked promising.
Then he took 6 roundabout too fast and finished in a heap with

As Podenzana finished with an average speed of nearly 45kph the chase broke up completely hehiod him but the six who at one time led by more than nine and a half minutes still had plenty in hand over the

TOUR DE FRANCE 15th Stage (109 miles, Brive-la-Sulfarde to Villemont-ear-Loft 1 M Podersona (III Carrena 3hr Sarin Esser; 2 G Guerin (ID Pott) +37 set; 3 P Van Paregen (Bet) TVM +50; 4 M Bartol (gh MG same time; 5 F Lemanchand (Fr) Gan +1:18; 6 N Stephens (Aus) Once +1:41; 7 F Monussam (Fr) Gan +5:38; 8 F Baidato (bh MS; 9 E Zobal (Gar) Telekom; 10 A Ferrigato (D Rocletto; 11 O Abdoi.gaparo (Uzbek Rein; 12 I Carrol (III) Gewiss; 13 G Tarmant (Fr) Auber-Miers 93; 14 T Gouvenou (Fr) Auber-Miers 93; 15 F Stmon (Fr) Gan; 18 P Fornacian (b) Seco; 17 A Tohmi (Mo) Loue; 18 A Benorii (II) Penana; 28 J C Coxon (Fr) Agnet; 20 J J Messoupy (Fr) Agriel at same time. Selectaed: 44 T Rominger (Swid Mape); 79 C Beardman (ES) Gare 18 M Induson (Sp) Benesto, als same time. Overall standinger; 18 Ris (Den) Teleform 99 Tr 12min 10esc; 2 A Garo (Sp) Mape) +50ec; 3 Y Berzh (Rus) Gawas +1:06; 4 T Rominger (Sw) Mape +1:21; 5 J Unitch (Gen) Teleform +2:06; 6 P Littaerborger (Mu) Carren +2:38; 7 R Viverque (Fr) Festina +3:18; 9 M finanan (Sp) Benesto +4:38; 9 L Duftau (Swid Festina +5:07; 10 F Escartin (Sp) Kalter +5:17; 11 P Ugumov (Rus) Roboton +5:55; 12 B Hamburger (Den) VM +6:48; 13 L Leblaro (Fr) Polit +6:47; 14 Bots (Ger) Teleform +2:11; 15 M Ferrontiez Ginos (Sp) Mape; +9:31; 16 L Plepoli (II) Reinin +10:04; 17 A Züfe (Swid Once +11:45; 18 A Germentia (Sp) Once +12:25; 19 V Birrov (Fig) Roboton +13:3; 2 Horomatic (Fr) Pestina (Sp) Genes +3:3:20. Monuntales: 1 R Vicengue (Fr) Festina 23:20. Hong of the Mountales: 1 R Vicengue (Fr) Festina 23:20. Hong of the Mountales: 1 R Vicengue (Fr) Festina 23:21. Excent (Fr) Pestina (Fr) Polit 16:8; 5 T Rominger (Swid Mape) 107; Polatica 1 E Zabel (Ger) Deutsche Felsiom 133; 3 L Brocanat (Fr) Pestina 149; 5 J Bijlevens (Neth) TVM 121.



Bjarne Riis leads the way in his yellow jersey at the start of yesterday's 15th stage of the Tour de France

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ter Swinburn are on the way back to the track after injuries. Williamson, who has had an operation on a twice-dislocated shoulder, resumes at Killarney tonight. Swinburn, out since suffering broken ribs and shoulder and bruising lungs in a fall at Sha Tin in February, has reapplied for his riding licence



200 Mels Baby 2.30 Oberons Boy

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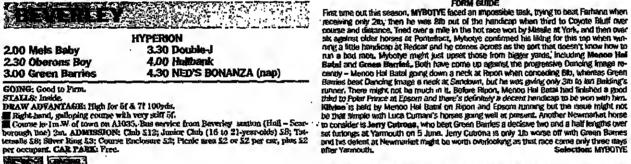
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Norman Williamson and Waland expects to resume soon.

Evening results, page 23



■ LEADING TEAINERS WITH RUNNERS: M Johnston — 21 winners from ners grees a success rate of 19.0% and a profit to a 5.1 keed state of 55.8%; Mr den — 13 winners, 86 mmors, 15.1%, ~52.04; R Whitaker — 10 winners, 8	# J Bans-
11.6%, -£13.88; L Cumuni — 8 winners, 22 runners, 36.4%, +\$3.33.	
ELEADING JOCKEYS: K Darley — 48 whiters, 348 rides, 19.4%, -566.9 son — 23 whiters, 75 rides, 30.7%, +55.80; K Fallon — 20 winners, 172 rid	2; W Car- es, 11.6%,
-\$40.82; J Wester 19 winners, 134 rides, 14.2%, -\$28.11.	D

(2.30). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Frague Spring (4.00) has been sent 249 miles by Lady Her ries from Angmering Park, West Sussen; Teen Jay (4.00) sent 225 miles by B Liewellyn from Bargood, Mid Glamorgan.
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Forthe GUIDE

So far, Falcon's Flame has been found warning in all his four handicaps, but he's been dropped Bb since the first of them, in which he was a staying-on tourth to Mexcobar (two wirs since) at Muselburgh (Im). As the stable is hearing such a good season, it's a bit surprising than Lynde Retraction history as who but of Falcon's Risme — but the booking of Ferrgal Lynch stands out and metric that Falcon's Flame musern to evitate off. Much more exposed but perhaps a softer option is LUCKY BEA, like Falcon's Flame from a yard going well this year and a fair third to the Luce Cumani-trained Chinerals at Rison fact time. Lest year and a fair third to the Luce Cumani-trained Chinerals at Rison last time. Lest year and a fair third to the Lucky Bea won at Newcastie in May but he's 600 bears of and his recent second to Electrath at Redear suggests he'll be a bugher opponent today. Contract Bridge could like this track as her win was over the testing mile at Carbide and she's been trad over longer distances in two subsequent races. Another Bit that can make her presence let is Born A Lady, placed in big fields on her last two starts and dod by Jason Edmunds, who won an apprentice handlesp on stationards carbide and she's ket in April. Cottage Prince was less of 13 behind Miltown Classic at Mustelburgh last week but the fact that he was backed from 10-1 to 4-1 joint-lavourite suggests he didn't give his true running that tay.

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Nesser less than first in the ultra-competitive Botannia, Handicap at Royal Ascot, and again in Concer Un's race at Sandown 10 days ago, OSERONES BOY probably soft capable of the decays form he showed at two - hance his presence in this clasmer with blackers fitted. The ideas of Joint Versiure and Tinker's Supplie (both two-year-cids) won when Gran Meetina tried them in blakers for the first time and, although Obscurs Boy gives array 100 or more, he'll go down as disappointing if he can't make the most of the dos; in class. Claucher Glub has also struggled in franciscos since runthing Some Hoose to a nech in a 17-runner nursery at Donessor last September. Like Obscurs Boy, she should spare much more prominerally in this claimer and, at a difference of 150s, lottle more capable than most of making a race of it, One problem might be the trip, as Chacher Cub has done all of her recip over five and six furfacing. Uncle Georgie does have the necessary service and was gloring the warner, Princess Parrigaddy, planty of weight when second in a Newmarker claimer two races ago. He could be the pick of the others but would be better of atthe Obserors Boy and Chincher Cub in a nandicap. FORM CORDE

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PORM GUIDE

A winner last July for Barry Hulk, Prague Spring hasn't chicked so far for Ledy Herries. Stepping up to two miles might do the trick, but one horse that has already benefited from a change of stable, at least when it comes to hundling, is BOURDONNER, who needs all for an easy win at Perth last month and then ran well at Marter Resen. Whether he can produce the goods back on the Flat is another matter (Royal Circus looks a more likely frontrunner here), but Bourdonner win over a mile and as on fast, gound in Ireland so today's conduces should suit him. Tees Jany was second to Great Orasion over this trip at Creater on Saturday and will be a tough coponers provided this doesn't come too soon, while Hulbanak is from a small yard that here been getting its share of winners recently and he's not out of it. Wherever Hutbank finishes, Atberton Green shouldn't be far away as only a length separated the hap when they were placed behand French by here 10 days ago. This is a new trip for All On as far as Flat racing is concerned but, she was winning at up to two-anda-half miles over hundles in the spring and could go well back on the Flat with only Statib to cany. Vain Prisce was soundly beatism at Musselburgh last time but shouldn't be ruled out. He isn't badly hendicapped, hes conditions in his tayour and Nigel Tinkler is having his best season for some time.

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FORM GUIDE The fast and writters of this race have been drawn 16 of 17 and 12 of 13, diustrating how hearth a high draw can be over the furfores bere. With that in mend, Ned's Bonanza must be on the shortist. He's in stall 20 and finished in front of Publium, toxigitate and final be on the shirtist. He's in 1888 20 and firsthed in front of Pallium, Inviginate and Hirst. Option in the Cartisle race won by Time To Tango, DOMINELLE isn't bady off in stall 14 and car come out better than Just Disastigant (straim 3), who best her a length and a half when Bolsho won here 10 days ago. Dominelle's neck win from Rotherfield Park (3) net-ter off on her last visit confirms her being for a beging the hurlongs on fast ground; she won trace of Cartisle last summer. Pageboy ran a cacher at Meantanet List Tursday, getting to within a length and a half of Shadow Jury on his first run in almost six months. The big wingst won't necessarily best from as he's won under 10st 50 in the past but P13/e507, 10076 under the first transfer. op against it from seal four. Even worse of is Aquado (one), drown 9 of 13 when he won the spran handcap on this card in 1993. Sound the Transpet typic, a possibility after two sound efforts in even began felds over six futurity at the confident about 6 Seggipton making the most of being drown 19, 50% 5 from the proof of the confident about 6 Seggipton making the most of being drown 19, 50% 5 from the confident about 6 Seggipton making the most of being drown 19, 50% 5 from the confident about 6 Seggipton making the most of being drown 19, 50% 5 from the confident about 6 Seggipton making the most of being drown 19, 50% 5 from the confident about 6 Seggipton making the most of the confidence of 190% 5 from the confid

## Cigar ready to roll on to California

Smoking is little short of a criminal offence in the United States these days, but when it comes to Cigar, they are prepared to make an exception. It is not just headline writers who have taken to the horse who has burned and glowed his way through American racing for more than 12 months, and after his record-equalling 16th straight win at Arlington on Saturday. Cigar's public-approval rating has reached a level which any politician would sell their grandmother to achieve.

"The race-track at Arlington, you just couldn't get another person in there," Tim Jones, assistant to Cigar's trainer, Bill Mott, said yesterday. "It was a huge crowd, the sort you get oo Kentucky Derby day but other he's got a lot of heart. We're just

21 August, but there is no in-

tention to retire the filly after

her flop when odds-oo for the

Irish Oaks oo Sunday. Ru-

mours reported by John Mc-Cririck oo Channel 4 oo

Saturday suggested that the

Oaks winner would be retired

after Sunday's race.

It will be a similar story at Del Mar on 10 August, when Cigar attempts to claim outright the

Carla heads for Yorkshire

Lady Caria will have her next outing in the Yorkshire Oaks on er Wafic Said, said: "We doo't

than that is pretty unusual." Not really lucky to he around him." so unusual, though, when Cigfor his previous race in Massachusetts sold out in two hours.

record for the longest winning streak in the Grade One Pacific Classic. Del Mar is in California, while Cigar is stabled several time-zones away at Belmont Park, New York, but an indifference to travelling is just one of the qualities which make at Woodhine in November, he him such an exceptional horse.

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said. He did not consult with the

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"I don't think McCririck has

Nothing is taken for granted, ar is racing - the 28,000 tickets but thoughts at Mou's yard are already turning 10 the autumn of Cigar's six-year-old season. "There's two spots he can go after Del Mar, the Jockey Club Gold Cup or the Woodward Stakes, which are both here at Belmont Last year he won hoth, though I'm not sure we'd do that again." The ultimate prize remains a secood success

"We went out there twice last year, and in all he's won at nine different tracks," Jones said, a total which of course includes Nad Al Sheba in Dubai, where Cigar won the Dubai World Cup, the richest race oo Earth. "I really don't know what makes him so special, though of course

will have little still to prove. There will be British horses banking some serious air miles in November too, if the efforts of the Victoria Racing Club to attract European runners to the Melbourne Cup prove successful. Celeric, Double Eclipse, Luso and Court Of Honour are those most likely to head south from Britain, while Vintage Crop, winner of the Flemingtoo race in 1993, is expected to trav-

in the Breeders' Cup Classic,

though if and when Cigar arrives

el from Ireland once again. Yesterday, Les Benton, geo-eral manager of the VRC, ap-pealed to the competitive and patriotic instincts of trainers to persuade them to try their luck in the £1.1m race. "I wouldn't like to think the English have not got the bottle to take on the Australians on their own ground." Benton said. "If they think they have the best horses they should bring them over and show us how good they are."

#### Tim Bulwer-Loog, racing edyet." BRIGHTON

2.15 Song Mist (nb) 2.45 Spondulicks 3.15 Diamond Beach 3.45 Tomal 4.15 Royal Expose 4.45 Gentle Irony

GOING: Firm.

STALLS: Inside, except 1m2f & 1m4f outside.

CRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 5t to 8t.

Loth-hand, U-shaped course, undulating and sharp.

Course is E of town. Follow signposts from town centre. Brighton station 1m (last service from London, Victoria). ADMISSION:

Cab \$12 (accompanied under-16s free); Teuersalls \$8; Silver Ring \$4 (ine \$5 occ cart). \$4 (ine \$4 per cur).

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THE OPEN: South African legend back at scene of controversial victory. Tim Glover reports

## The paradox that is Gary Player

hen Gary Player won the Open Champi-U onship at Royal Lytham in 1974 he did so by a handsome margin hut amid ugly rumours. That's the thing about Player. No shades of grey, just black or white. Either he is the greatest golfer and one of the finest sportsmen to emerge from South Africa or he's a diminutive, holier than thou, self-opinionated pain in

"There's only one thing I don't like about my joh," Player once said. "In golf there is tremendous jealousy. I find that just unbelievable. I heard a pro say 'Il Amold Palmer died I wouldn't spit on his grave'." As one of the Big Three, along with Palmer and Jack Nicklaus. Player has not escaped the sniping. The allegation of Lytham '74 is that the hall he played at the penultimate hole in the final round was not the one he had hit into the rough.

There are certain things that are possible and certain things that are impossible." Player said. "First of all they had the TV cameras on during the whole incident. For anybody to say that Rabbit (his caddie Rab-bit Dyer) dropped a ball is dreaming. I would put my life on the fact that he wouldn't do something like that. It's impossible. The grass was so thick." Player was six strokes ahead.

In his book To Be The Best, he said: "As we walked towards the green I wondered whether we would ever find the ball. The first thing I did was to ask an official to put the watch on me to observe the five-minute rule. I was in full view of the cameras. Imagine winning the Open and then somebody claiming I'd gone seven seconds over my allotted time. It is a unique aspect of golf that anybody anywhere who spots a rules infringement during play can report it and have official action taken. It was a frantic search in which I even got down on my hands and knees looking for the ball. I asked everybody around me to join in the hunt but it still seemed like a hopeless task. There was barely a minute of

Player escaped with a bogey five. There are stories, surely apocryphal, that his original ball was subsequently found in green and his ball finished against the wall of the clubhouse. It was decided the building was an integral part of the course and he was not entitled to a free drop. He played left-handed with the back of his putter, put the ball 10 feet short of the hole, took two putts and won by four strokes.



Gary Player (left) searches for his ball near the 17th green at Royal Lytham before taking the title in 1974

It was his third and last victory in the Open although his outstanding career was still dogged by controversy. In a skins game in Arizona in 1983 Tom Watson accused him of cheating by moving a growing leaf from behind his ball. "I was staggered." Player wrote later. "Breaking the rules is, after all the most heinous charge to be laid against any golfer. When it is aimed at a champion the repercussions can be monutime left when a marshal found mental. It was a truly sorry affair in which the accusation was not made until I had left the course and the game was over. The correct procedure would have been to raise the matter the rough and that it is now sit- at the time. I was astonished ting in a safe. At the final hole that Tom did not adopt the corhe hit his approach through the rect procedure. I think what he

did to me that day will haunt him for the rest of his life." Whether taking on Player on the course or off it you had better be prepared for an almighty scrap. The South African pointed out that Watson had won two majors, the Masters and the Open in 1977, using clubs that did not conform. "I would hate to have won major championships knowing I had used illegally grooved clubs," Player said, He now describes his relationship with Watson as "very polite".

What was never in doubt was Player's fierce competitiveness, "His accomplish-

That's how I saved money to go overseas. Player was a pocket-sized pioncer who was fortified by his

lessons at a dollar a time on a

driving range. "I had to give my boss 50 cents and I kept 50.

belief in God. A fitness fanat-

Breaking the rules is the most heinous charge. I think what Tom Watson did to me that day will haunt him for the rest of his life'

game," Palmer said. "The obstacles that he overcame in the formative years of his career are what made his great success so remarkable and admirable." Player was born in Johanneshurg in 1935, the son of a gold miner. His mother died when be was eight. He began his pro career by giving

ments in golf and life rival the gymnasium. The Little Big achievements of any person Man in black became the first who has ever played the foreign-born winner of the Masters; the first non-American to top the money list on the US Tour: the first and only player to win the Open in three different decades and one of only four men to achieve the Grand Slam. And he did it against the odds. Flying from South Africa would mean a 90-hour round trip.

Two, Palmer and Nicklaus, to make it the Big Three, winning nine majors and more than 150 events throughout the world. And sometimes he did it with the protection of armed police as civil rights activists in America made him a target for antiapartheid protests. On the subject of apartheid, Player has seen the light. "I went on record in 1965 avowing, 'I am of the South Africa of Verwoerd and apartheid'. My views hegan to change, particularly as I travelled around the world. The injustice was so obvious and the implications quite chilling. I am now quite convinced that I have played a significant role in trying to eradicate apartheid. It was a terrible system.

And he muscled in on the Big

If there is one man who is compared to Player as the next great white hunter from South Africa it is Ernie Els. But while Player is a clean liver (no drinking, no smoking) with the cleanest of livers, Els likes deadline. He will play his last nothing better than to share a tournament in the Open at St few beers with his caddie. Andrews in the year 2000.

Where it is valid to mention Player and Els in the same breath is in wondering whether the tall one can win as many majors. "Like Gary says, can we compare wallets?" Els said. "In a way it's nice but I don't want to hear it. We're totally different people with totally different attitudes. Gary always had to work his way around and fight it out. I try to enjoy the game at least. Ive been lucky. I think our generation is going to be OK. All the doors open now.

made another fortune on the US Seniors Tour and who has developed extensive business interests, is back at Royal Lytham. In 1974 he generally used a one-iron off the tee. Now he will prohably use a Black Knight titanium driver which is made by one of his companies. Despite the selfdiscipline and the punishing daily routine of exercises, the long player has set himself a

At the age of 60, Player, who

## Italians lose patience with Ferrari

Motor racing

DERICK ALLSOP

Seventeen years of hurt and still no sign of an end to it all. In-deed, these past few weeks have plunged motor racing's most famous, fabled and revered team. Michael Schumacher and all, to new depths

Schumacher's magnificent win in the rain in Spain might as well be 17 years ago. Ferrari's next drivers' title looks no nearer. Their catastrophe count extended to three consecutive races in Sunday's British Grand Prix, Schumacher and Eddie Irvine mustering eight laps between them before both cars retired. Next stop Germany, Schumacher's home race, and even for Ferrari the pressure can rarely have been more intense.

Before the garage shutters came down on their latest emharrassment, all Italy was wailing its outrage. Italian television did not bother showing the podium ceremony at Silverstone, preferring to open an in-quiry into the shambles.

The Italian press was scathing, "Poor Ferrari, red only from shame," the Rome news-paper Il Messaggero said in a front page headline. "This mythical car, which has made motor racing history, seems to have become a circus car, exploding in the hands of clowns," Italy's largest selling sports daily, La Gazzetta dello Sport, said.

"Every time Ferrari goes up in smoke, every banal error that leaves you speechless, means that a piece of Italy, which we were once proud of, dies," it

La Stampa, owned by the Ag-nelli family who control Ferrari, told its readers: "The trouble for Ferrari is that the public are fed up with waiting. The last world championship of Jody Scheck-ter in 1979 is a fading memo-Many have called for the

head of Jean Todt, the team director, and he says he would have to accept any decision to remove him, just as he accepts the criticism. "National passlon in Italy is very strong," the Frenchman said. "Being in charge of the team I have been criticised and I have to answer my responsibility. The more pragmatic suggest

Ferrari have no one better to replace Todt, but then pragmatism has never been Maranello's strongest suit. Emotional forces can inspire, yet too often undermine.

The boss of another learn looked on in amusement at Silverstone as Ferrari's president. Luca di Montezemolo. empire, Gianni Agnelli, around the pits, pursued by hordes of photographers and camera

"Look at it. Crazy." the neighbouring boss said. It puts too much pressure on everyone in the team and now they cannot work as they should. I'm pleased to see it. It helps us.

A member of the Ferrari team commented some hours after the French Grand Prix. where they managed five laps. and Williams finished the race first and second: You see us. we are still packing our trucks and yet Williams have everything away. They're organised.

We're not. It is a generally held belief that Ferrari have funds way in excess of other teams but that. through mismanagement and a lack of organisation, they squander a potential advantage. Todt rejects that claim.

He said: "It makes me angry when I hear Ferrari has the biggest budget. It is completely wrong. Unlike the other teams, we built our own engine. If you calculate the investment put in hy other engine manufacturers and their teams you would see it differently.

"Anyway, money cannot buy everything straight away. We have improved and it takes time. People expect too much too quickly, and that brings the biggest pressure. The mistakes are ours, the responsibility ours. We have to explain failures and say more than I would prefer, but that is part of being Ferrari. What I do say is we have to he more positive." Ferrari have explained the se-

ries of component failures yet cannot explain why the appar-ent reliability recorded in test-ing has not, of late, been repeated in the races.

Schumacher has constrained his feelings and continued to convey the message that the leam will get there in the end. He has already hinted he is prepared to commit himself beyond his two-year contract and per-

haps finish his career at Ferrari. He has a get-out clause in his agreement, which he could exercise at the end of this season. but where could he go? Williams could not afford his \$25m (£lo.5m) a year asking price the last time they talked. He left Benetion for a new challenge, as well as that enormous salary, and McLaren still do not look an attractive enough proposition.

Speculation that Hill might change teams was, of course, part of the spiralling frenzy at the British Grand Prix. However his boss, Frank Williams, said he expected to start negotiations aimed at agreeing a new conushered the patriarch of the Fiat tract with Hill for next year,



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#### **Enjoy makes** most of ideal conditions

Salling STUART ALEXANDER reports from Cork

For some, there was a little too much bounty for the opening of Cork Week as David Rowley's Sigma 33 was dismasted and John Crotty's One Design, the 1720, was hadly holed in a collision with a Melges 24. But for most of the record 485 craft the conditions were ideal.

Sensibly, both the Sigma 33s and 38s have attached their UK national championships to the biggest gathering in the British Isles outside Cowes Week. The 38s staved ashore yesterday following an all night race, so all eves were on their smaller brethren as Scotland's tan Nicolson added a win in the second race to the third place he scored on Sunday. A sixth place by the Clyde-based Nicolson in the second race of the day kept him the lead overnight.

The 72-hoat fleet of 33s hrings together a mixed hag of talent, some of which found the choppy conditions and 15 to 16 knot casterly a hit of a handful.

After a sluggish start in which Paddy O'Brien's Sorcery, an 82-footer of some 13 years, had to push her way through a melee of smaller boats, she settled into a long stride and powered her way round a 31-mile course.

Crossing the line first, however, was not enough for Soreery to save time on handicap. Instead the prize went to Barney Isherwood and David Taylor in the J120 Enjoy. The Belfast Lough pair had almost half an hour when times were corrected over the secondplaced Roy Dickson's Cracklin' Rosie. The next three places all went to Bashford-Howison 41s: Jocelyn Waller's Silk 2: Nigel Bramwell's Hawk; and Colm Barrington's Surfin' Shoes.

#### and I was out of control First of all I want to thank all the fans who gave me such fremendous support and encouragement over the weekend. I wanted to win for them and when I achieved pole

position I was hoping so much that I might be on the podium. I was as surprised as anyone when something went wrong with the front wheel and sent me spinning into the gravel and out of the British Grand The weekend was going so well. The fans were great and one of my personal heroes. Nick Faldo, popped by to say hello on the Friday before the race. The Labour leader,

Tony Blair, and his family also visited on Sunday morning and while I gave him a quick spin around the circuit he jokingly kept asking me to turn left! We were also visited by Will Carling and the world superbike champion Carl Fogarty. It's great for everyone on the learn when other sporting people visit us on circuit. A had start put me in fifth place at the beginning of the race. The first few seconds of the race had actually been fine as I made a good getaway. Then the engine bogged down and I gave it too many revs.

which resulted in too much wheelspin, My world seemed to stand still as I was immediately engulfed by cars on both sides. and dropped to lifth place. But all was not lost. I had enough fuel on huard to switch to a one-stop strategy, which would be more suitable, particularly as I was now stuck hehind Mika Hakkinen's McLaren and my team-mate. Jacques Villeneuve. was streaking into the lead.

With Jacques being my closest championship challenger I was more interested in my progress relative to him. I could get close to the McLaren at a couple of corners, but not close enough on the straights. There was one opportunity to get by when a back-marker come into the equation, but Mika had covered every possibility. Althe had in do was stay on line in order to make it impossible for me to get through. It be-



Something went twang

particularly as Hakkinen was due to stop Looking back on it now, I could easily

have beaten Hakkinen and the Benettons through my one-stop tactic, but I would have needed a hit of good fortune in order to get ahead of Jacques. It would have been interesting, none the less, because once I had a clear road I would have put the hammer down and really pushed hard. At least the crowd would have had something to get excited about.

Even if I had made the best start of my career, and led the race. I would not have reached the finish. About four laps before I actually had the failure, the car felt strange, I monitored the situation more closely and the car continued to feel odd. I got on the radio and said there is something wrong: the reply was that they would take a look when I made my pit stop, which was due in a couple of laps. Less than half a lap later. I was left in absolutely no doubt that I was in trouble.

I reached the end of the pit straight and, as soon as I touched the hrakes for Copse Corner, the car suddenly snapped into a spin. My immediate impression was that something went twang at the front of the came clear that the pit stops would pre- car and I was instantly out of control. In sent my best chance of moving ahead, actual fact, the team later discovered

that the left front wheel nut bad come slightly adrift. The wheel had stayed in place because of the safety locking mechanism on the Williams but, eventually, the strain was too much and the wheel locat-ing pegs finally sheared as I braked Effectively, I had braking on just the right front wheel and that accounted for the sudden spin. The only good thing to be said was that it happened at Copse where there is a good run-off area, which allowed me to come to a half without hitting anything. I was quite lucky in that respect. The support from the crowd had been

fantastic all weekend and they continued to cheer me as I walked back to the pits. Naturally I was extremely disappointed when I got out of the car hut was relieved to be OK because the car came off the track very tast. The disappointment of not winning descended swiftly

My only wish was that misfortune could have chosen to strike at a race other than the British Grand Prix. But, wherever the race may be, it is always very hard on the team and last weekend was no exception when it came to the tremendous amount of effort put in by every single member of Williams-Renault.

The good news was that Jacques won the race, but he now poses a threat in the championship. With Jacques taking his second win of the season and advancing his cause by another 10 points on a day when I scored none at all, the championship is much more open. The gap, between us has been reduced from 27. points to 15.

The way things look at the moment, it's going to be either me or Jacques winning races between now and the end of the season. The points position can swing enormously during the remaining six races. starting in Germany on Sunday week. Al-though I'm confident that I can continue to win races, last Sunday made me appreciate once more that chance will play

O Damon Hill Grand Prix Ltd.

continue making the most of what will be his last title-chas-

again at the beginning of the year and I will empty it even

more here," Christie said

You guys are more concerned

about if than me. I'm here aren't I? And I think I'm in

good shape. There is still some speed work to be done. But it's

too late to start worrying. It

won't change anything." Jonathan Edwards is doing

the same, Liz McColgan is

preparing 180 miles away m Gamesville, while Sally Gun-

nell has plumped for a South

pare in the way be or she

thinks best." Ward said.
"When we move into Atlanta.

everyone will stay in the

Olympic village. Gunnell, the defending

400m hurdles champion who

broke down in her last race in

Lausanne a fortnight ago

with an inflamed Achilles

tendon has completed two

track sessions after resting for

a week Sally is in some pain, but

has been told to expect that through the Games," Ward

said. She has done the ses-

sions so far that she wanted:

including hurdling, and is feel-

ing quite confident.
What will encoorage her

also is the way she was flow-ing like the old Sally in that race in Switzerland before

Kelly Holmes, who has

compete in the 1500m later.

according to the team manager, Verona Elder, Holmes

won a World Championship

bronze in the two-lap event

last season and a 1500m silver, but this summer has of-

ten looked more impressive

complaint which forced him to

pull out when ready to start in last week's London Grand

over the shorter distance. Du'aine Ladejo, the Euro-

breaking down."

"Every athlete has to pre-

Carolina base.

I started enjoying athletics

Drechsler has

to pull out of

German team

Helke Drechsler, the Olympic-long jump champion, has pulled our of Germany's team

for the Olympic Games in At-

lanta because she has not suf-

ficiently recovered from a

The ligament has healed

but the surrounding muscles, were too weak for the former

East German athlete to per-

form well. "I'm really disap-pointed that I won't be in

it's not my style to go into something if I'm not 100 per cent fit and can't give my all."

She picked up the injury in May, a few days after return-

ing from a training camp in Portugal, and was forced to pull out of several key meet-

ngs including last month's

European Cup. Drechsler said

her target was now next year's

World Championships Linford Christie, who only

recently decided to take part,

was defended by the British Athletic Federation yesterday over his choice of flight to the

They dismissed the sugges-tion that he had snubbed the

official carrier, Delta, by using

British Airways. "Athletes have been arriving at the holding camp in Tallahassee in dribs and drabs "the BAF spokesman, Tony Ward, said..." It's not as if we came out

here in one great party, with

everyone wearing team blaz-ers. Linford made his own

travel arrangements - and as it himsed out it was a wise

missed our connection to Tal-lahassee. As far as we are con-

cerned it was not an official team flight and there is no

Christie, who is bidding to become only the second man

after Carl Lewis to defend the

100 metres title successfully, is

staying in an apartment away

camp at Florida State Uni-

versity, but will train with

mestion of a snub."

torn knee ligament.

## race Liverpool in late bid for **Poborsky**

**NICK DUXBURY** 

Flights from the North-west to Prague have never been so popular as Manchester United and Liverpool, long-time bitter rivals on the pitch, fight at the negociating table for the signa-ture of the £3.4m-rated Karel Poborsky.

The Slavia manager, Jaromir Seterle, will meet Liverpool officials today and a United delegation tomorrow as the race hots up for the 24-year-old Slavia Prague midfielder, who played a crucial role in the ech Republic advance to the final of Euro 96.

Slavia are in no hurry to part with Poborsky, who still bas two years of his contract to run, as they finalise their preparations for a European Cup campaign. However, mooey talks, especially in the Czech Republic and it is understood

Poborsky will leave. United bave loog beeo favourites to snap him up, but Liverpool - having failed to tempt Patrik Berger, Poborsky's Czech team-mate, from Borussia Dormund - made an unannounced appearance in Prague on Sunday in a bold attempt to prise the player from under United's noses.

Maurice Watkins, United's legal director had flown home the day before fully expecting to conclude a deal this week.

Liverpool are seeking advice from the Government, RUC and security forces before going ahead with pre-seasoo games against Dundalk and the Belfast-based Linfield. Celtic have already cancelled their game against Duodalk and Manchester United are also reconsidering playing Por-

Rugby League

The chairman of the Australian

Rugby League, Keo Arthurson,

has accused the British Super

League's chief executive, Mau-

rice Lindsay, of wanting to scrap

this autumn's tour and to merge

Great Britain are due to play

Papua New Guinea, Fiji and

New Zealand, but Arthurson

says that the only way the tour

TODAY'S

NUMBER

the game with rugby union.

DAVE HADFIELD

miership oext season by making a £5m offer for Nick Barmby, the England midfielder, who faces strong competition at Middlesbrough with the arrival of Italy's Fabrizio Ravanelli and the Brazilian Emerson. Barmby at Blackburn is seen as a counter to Manchester United's attempts to unsettle the

£12m-rated Shearer. Tranmere Rovers are looking for a £1.2m fee for the defender Tony Thomas, who has joined Tottenham on a month's loan. Thomas, a right-back, has been out of contract for 16 months and is eager to play in the

higher divisions.

"We would be looking for a substantial fee for him," Frank Corfe, the Tranmere chairman. said. "I will be speaking to Alan Sugar during the coming weeks and if Spurs do decide to step up their interest, I know oeither would wish to see the matter go to arbitration."

Peter Shilton is to team up with his former England and Nottingham Forest colleague, Trevor Francis, at Birmingham City as goalkeeping coach. Francis has also appointed the former Blues striker Bob Latchford as youth development officer. The ex-England striker, scored 68 goals in 160 League

appearances between 1968-73.
Crystal Palace went Contioental yesterday. Their firstchoice red and blue-striped strip, manufactured by Adidas in a three-year deal worth £1.5m, is almost identical to that of Bayern Munich, while the all-white second kit matches France's change of colours.

Romario is to return to Spain after completing £5m deal with Valeocia. The 30-year-old Brazilian World Cup striker left Barcelona last year com-plaining of homesickness to play for Flamengo, but was un-Blackburn Rovers could be happy about sharing the lime-about to show Alan Shearer that light at the Rio chib with fellow

scrapped," Arthursoo said.

"The crazy thing is that if his

News Limited controllers would

let him be could still turn the

whole thing into a huge success

by playing the ARL's world

The New Zealand Rugby

League president, Graham Car-

den, is to fly to Britain next week

to finalise arrangements for the

tour. Lindsay, who is also chair-

man of Super League's interna-

tional board, insisted yesterday

that it will go ahead as planned.

ments "carping from someone

He called Arthurson's com-

champion Kangaroos.



## **Edwards shines in stalemate**

JOHN COLLIS reports from Guildford

New Zealand 362-5 dec & 219-4 dec England 271 & 225-8 Match drawn

An enterprising declaration by New Zealand oo Sunday evening, holding out the carrot of a reachable target to England, set the stage yesterday for an intriguing finale to a tour that, at Test level, had seen neither side able to take the advantage.

In the 22nd eocounter between the two countries. New Zealand were still searching for their first win. And the stage was indeed an attractive one - the tree-fringed club ground beceath the cathedral. they mean business in the Pre-international striker Bebeto. | with ranks of marquees in place

fuses to recognise Super League.

an historic first visit by a full tour

side to Fiji, as we believe in gen-

uine international expansion.

That is what all member coun-

tries want, and under Ken

Arthurson's previous interna-

tional chairmanship there was

say of wanting to see a merger between league and union. "We

are seeing Maurice for what he

is - a man whose ambition is to

see rugby league die at the hands of rugby union," he said.

Arthurson also accused Lind-

no such ambition."

"We will include in our tour

for Surrey's visit tomorrow, under a cloudless sky.
In the first innings, England

batted all Saturday and scored 242 for 8, so they knew that the necessary 311 required an extra gear. They started briskly enough, but lost three wickets in scoring 39. The boous at this stage was another cameo innings of great promise by England's youngest ever debutante. 16-year-old Charlotte Edwards. Her batting will surely serve England as well as Huntingdon for many years.

More than cameos, bowever, were going to be required lower down the Eogland order after a necessary period of cau-tion. For a time, it seemed possible that the extent of England's amhitions was simply to deny the tourists that maideo victory.

"It's what his masters want

and it's oo co-incidence that it

is Sky television trying to destroy

the historic Five Nations' series

by isolating England. Nobody

should forget that the contracts

which bind the Rugby Football

League and the Rugby Football

Union are with the same News

Limited organisation, and for

similar durations. Mr Lindsay

has both sports primed for a

merger that nobody wants."
Arthursoo stood down re-

cently as executive chairman of

the ARL, but it is clear that tak-

ing a less active role will not end

his war of words with Lindsay.

In the afternoon, a stand of substance gradually developed between Sue Metcalfe anchor-ing the innings and the enter-prising Jane Smit. The run-rate was clawed back, but the New Zealand captain, Sarah Illing-worth, kept changing the permutation of her six bowlers,

er settle. The off-spin of Catherine Campbell was a particular ouisance to the bome side - Smit was tucked up trying to cut, Debbie Stock misread the turn and Metcalfe, after some stern application, saw the ball trickle on to ber stumps. It was an unjust end to a knock that might even have oursed Eng-

wicket, and England could nev-

land to victory. Faced with defeat, it has been known for first-class coun- itive end to the series.

ties to boist the white flag. Indeed, points for a draw have been reintroduced to stiffen sinews on an otherwise hopeless last afternoon. But cricket is far too precious to these players for any such capitulations.

There was now nothing negative about England's desire for looking for any flaws in the flat a draw - the last hour saw some stirring backs-to-the-wall stuff, with the rare loose ball still being treated forcefully, while New Zealand tried bard to cajole two more wickets from the

In the final stages, all but two or three fielders were within sledging distance of the bat, but Suzanne Redfern and Clare Taylor survived beroically. The draw, but this had been an eothralling, hard-fought and pos-

## No 1 Court could host Cup

Chris Gorringe, Wimbledon's chief executive, said yesterday that "it is oot out of the ques-tion" for Britain's Davis Cup tie

with Egypt to be played oo the No 1 court at Wimbledoo in September. Britain must beat Egypt to gain promotion to the Euro-African Zone Group One, and David Lloyd, the Davis Cup captain, and Tim Henman are keen to bold the match at the

All England Club. No 1 court is about to be demolished to make way for a new

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Luke Milligan flies into Manchester to-day for the Manchester Challenger start-ing today having moved to 217 on the ATP world rankings—his highest-ever po-sition. The 19-year-old Middlesex play-er who reached the third round at Memberton electropies in the start of the country of the co

Wimbledon, also made a successful de-but for his country in a Davis Cup match against Ghana this weekend. As a re-sult of his recent improvement, Milli-gan is seeded shith in this week's

Gorringe said that, if necessary, the bulldozers could wait.

"It is not out of the question for the tie to be beld on the No 1 court," he said, before adding cautiously: "But we would have to consider it carefully from our angle and we would need a formal request from the LTA [Lawn Tennis Association] before we could consider it."

Whether the LTA would agree to playing the tie at Wimbledon is still debatable. It might prefer the tie to be staged at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, where they have spent vast sums improving the venue.

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(Swg) 715,614; 8 B Becker (Gar) 694,657; 6 M Woodfords (Aus) 683,962; 10 J Hasek (Swd) 674,753.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

USFA CUP Preficiency round, first leg: Porta-down v Vojucilne (7.30). FRIENDLY: Shelbourne v Aberdeen (7.45).

Rugby Union
THRD STUDENT WORLD CUP Semi-timelia:
France v Argentine (2.0); South Africa v Scotland
(2.30) (both games at University of Pretoda).

Other sports

## Earlier Christie promised to Prix. Britain pin faith

on outsider

British Olympic Association covered from the stomach

The group of us who came been pondering what to run in on Delta the same day were Atlanta, will do the 800m and late taking off for Atlanta and then decide whether to also

In the past 40 years Britain has won only one medal in wrestling at the Olympics - a bronze by Nocl Loban in 1984. not exactly the most impressive of records.

At Barcelona in 1992, Calum McNeil funder 68 kilorisms freestyle category), who lost both his bouts and did not. reach the final rounds was Britain's lone competitor. In Atlanta, Britain'a poor tradition is expected to contime with only one person qualifying. Amariit Singh, 26, from Birmingham is in the under-130kg freestyle category

Singh is not, however, a complete no-hoper. He was 11th last time he competed m Atlanta, at last year's World Championships, and was ninth. st the European Champiouships in Bodapest in March.

Rebin Tomlinson, Britain's wrestling national develop-

but he only made it via a wild

ment officer, said: "If Singh gets

quite far in the competition". Bruce Baumgartmer (the current 130kg freestyle Olympic champion from the US) and Mahmut Demir (Turkey) are two of the leading medal contenders and Singh's biggest dangers.

strong overall team and in Alexander Karelin - twice Olympic champion io the under 130kg Greco-Roman category - is probably the best all-round wrestler in the world today. If he retains his title, he will equal the Olympic record of three wrestling gold medals.

People have been hitting balls over nets on beaches for

Olympic debut in Atlanta and differs from its indoor counterpart in that each team has iust two players. The court size is the same

points wins the match, and the teams change ends every five points. There is only one game per match in the Olympics.

In tactical terms, the players need to be experi allrounders to cope with the demands of each having to

SPORT-BY-SPORT GUIDE No 9: Beach volleyball

cover a much larger area of the

Britain will be represented this summer by the pairing of Audrey Cooper and Amanda Glover in the women's event. They will be one of 18 teams from 13 countries taking part.

and will be ranked 12th. The Brazilians are currently ranked No I in the world. and will be sending two teams to compete in the women's event, while the Americans will be represented by three women's teams. These live will share the position of

Nick Harris

can be made viable is by play-"I believe if Maurice had his

78,416

The record crowd for any sports event at New Jersey's Giants Stadium who watched Brazil's Under-23 Olympic football team beat a Fifa Wc\_11 All-Stars side 2-1. Bebeto and Roberto Carlos scored for Brazil; Jürgen Klinsmann for the All Stars.

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The British forward Kevin Bishop has put a promising American college career on

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New York Yankees 4. HARDANA LEAGUE: Chicago White Sox 8 St Lous. T; Cincinnate 7 Pataburgh 6; Montreel 5 Philadel-phia 2; Adjorite 15 Florida 10; New York Mets S Housen? 7 (20 Innings); New York Mets 10 Hous-ton 3; Colorado 2 San Diego 4; Los Angeles Q San Empleton 6.

a promising whencan college dead in hold to play for Leicester in the Dudweiser League next season. Bishop, who is 6ft 10in and weighs more than 1,7st, has now opted to complete his business stud-ies at Loughborough University.

India returned home from their England tour yesterday without their beleaguered captain, Mohammed Azharuddin, who stayed in London to receive treatment for a shoulder injury. Azharuddin has been widely criticised for fail-ing to take India to the World Cup final on the subcontinent earlier this year and for the 1-0 Test series loss to England. India also lost the one-day series 2-0. Northamptonshire's Curty Ambrose could face a two week lay-off after sufcould face a two week lay-off after suf-fering a hamstring injury during Satur-day's Benson and Hedges Cup final against Lancashire. Ambrose managed to complete his bowling stint at Lord's, but had to employ a runner when he batted in the closing stages of the match. He will mas today's important midweek Sunday league focure against Yorkshire at Northampton. Northamptonshire have named a 12-man squad for to-day with Mal Loye and Neil Mallander added to the team that lost Saturday's 50-over match by 31 runs.

Football Portsmouth are giving trials to the Old-ham striker Damen Beckford, 29, and the 20-year-old Sheffield Wednesday midfield player Mark Guest.

Lindsay accused of plotting union merger

way the whole tour would be who has lost his position and re-

mucheid prayer Mark, Guest. LEFA MITS/2070 CLF. Group one: Albog (Den) 4 Chigonille (N h) D. Group three: Crobso (See) 4 Morbor Erone, (Slovat) 1. Group six-Segue 18 Sept. (Croa) 2 Stade Remass (Fr) 1; Origina IS (Swe) 3 Happel Tel Aur (En) D. Group sav-ser. Antalyspor (Lin) 2 Roots Volgegrad (Pus) 1. Friendly: Canada 1 (De Rosano) Portugal Olympa: XI 1 (Calado) (at Varsity Stadium, Foromo).

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The American mokie driver, Jeff Krosnoff, 31, was killed whe his car spun out of control and carmheeled into B

CRICKET SCORBOARD

SPORTING DIGEST fence during the Toronto IndyCar Grand Prix on Sunday. A race marshall was also killed by debris from the accident. Krosnoff is the first IndyCar driver to die as a result of injuries sustained in B race since 1973.

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TORONTO RIDYCAR RACE (Toronto, Can, Soundry) Leading presidence; 1.4 Fernanties (Med Lots-Hunda, 93 laps completed, 97.569mph everage speed (157-1 kph); 2.4 Zerand (di Reginand-Handa, 93; B. Rohrei (157) Reynand-Mercedes, 93; 6.5 P Tary (Can) Perside-Mercedes, 93; 6.5 Herta (15) Reynand-Mercedes, 93; 6.5 Herta (15) Reynand-Mercedes, 93; 6.5 Herta (15) Reynand-Mercedes, 93; 6.5 Herta (15) Californi, 93; 8.1 Verser (15) Reynand-Honda, 93; 9.8 Egotton (15) Reynand-Fond, 93; 1.0 S Prest (15) Lob-Fond, 93; 1.1 Kibandel, 93; 1.4 Expedit (16) Perside-Mercedes, 90, crast; 1.5 E Lesson (15) Lob-Mercedes, 90; 1.6 I Krosnoff (15) Reynand-Honda, 93; 1.7 S Johanson (9we) Reynand-Mercedes, 99; crast; 1.8 G de Ferran (8) Reynand-Honda, 93; 2.0 P J Jones (15) Eagle-Toyota, 89.

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Shaamit, the Derby winner, is still on course for a crack at the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot on Saturday

terday: "Shaamit worked nicely at the weekend and is in good form. He will work again in mid-week and once more at the weekend and then all being well will have a blow

moved from ante-post lists yes-terday. Classic Cliche, winner of the

gan is seeded stoth in this week's tournament at West Oldsbury.

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some time next week." Shaamit has not been seen out since his Ensom victory, missing the Irish Derby and Eclipse Stakes with a foot injury. Pat Eddery had been booked to ride him in the Eclipse but no decision has been made regarding riding arrangements for Ascot. Pentire has hardened to 3-1 with Coral for the King George after the Irish Oaks flop Lady Carla was re-

Gold Cup at the Royal meeting, has been supported and is 11-2 from S-1 after one bet of £8,000 to £1,000. Coral's betting: 3-1 Pentire, 4-1 Shaamit, 5-1 Swain, 11-2 Classic Cliche, 10-1 Strategic Choice, 12-1 Halling, Farasan & Oscar Schindler, 16-1 Singspiel, 20-1 Glory Of Dancer & Luso, 25-1 bar.

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## Women poised for quick sand debut

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COUNTDOWN TO THE OPEN: No 22nd appearance for five-times winner while Ballesteros looks to his younger self for inspiration

# Injury forces Watson's withdrawal

RICHARD EDMONDSON reports from Royal Lytham

One of the most celebrated marriages in the land was ter-minated yesterday. Tom Watson, a five-times winner of the Open and a visitor to the tournament for the last 21 years, withdrew from the 125th version, which hegins on Thursday, with a

shoulder injury.
Watson, who despite his 46
years won the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village this year and was quietly fancied to add to his eight majors at Royal Lytham, flew in to Scotland for practice with a slightly damaged rotator cuff. When the injury worsened, he was forced to pull out and he returned to the United States yesterday for treatment.

No American golfer has returned to his homeland with an Open trophy collected at Royal Lytham since Bobby Jones in 1926, In the interim, there have been seven Opens on this section of the Lancashire coast and latterly the links have been the domain of Seve Ballesteros. As a 22-year-old, the Spaniard introduced his genius with victory here in 1979, when he earned nine years later.

Ballesteros's game is compromised by chronic back prob-lems these days. In an effort to recreate the style of days past. Seve has been studying a tuition

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pick up any details I'm not doing now to see if I can inspire myself," he said vesterday. "I'm proud to see what I did before."

When Seve was previously at Royal Lytham, his greatest problem was scything recovery shots out of parking areas. Now he worries about someone else with a scythe. "I'm sad that I can't be youthful for ever but nobody can do that. Everyone is going to die, that is the only truth in life so you can't do anything about it." he said. "You just have to take it. When you watch the films it gives you confidence to go and try to win again. I know it's difficult, I know it's eight years later and my game at the moment is not as good as before,

hut it is possible.
"The scoring I've had in the last few tournaments in Europe does not show the way I have been playing. I feel that I waste

another is within reach, it is not the solution of the car-park a view held by others. Coral champion. He also succeeded make him a 190-1 chance to win the tournament and as hig as 6-4 merely to survive the halfway cut.

the qualifiers and yesterday's clear, sunny weather predicted video of perhaps the most nat- to hold for the rest of the week, er, as much as the tournament ural swing the sport has ever some are anticipating the

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seen. He has been watching himself. "When I watch the film of the Open wins. I see if I can around the greens. "I think I around the greens. I think I won here twice because of my short game," he said, "The greens are small and everyone is going to miss a lot of greens.

With the crosswinds, chipping is always going to be important."

Greg Norman envisages difficulties elsewhere. "I think this is a great driver's course," he said. "Like any links course, you have to hit the fairway, and downwind you'd better be able to thread it through the eye of a needle.

Norman remains the world No 1 in the Sony rankings, even though his form has dipped after a promising start to the season. "The last six or eight weeks have not been very stellar at all," he said. "It has been a Jekyll and Hyde season for me."

Too often in majors, Norman's knuckles have become hairy in the closing stages, but, at 41, the desire to improve on two or three shots in every round that I shouldn't. My game is not 100 per cent, but it's not as had as some people may think."

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will familiarise himself with a course he has not played com-petitively since 1979. "Seventeen is one of the best holes out there, a heautiful hole," he said. "John Daly said there are With a rash of low scores in more bunkers down there than he has had ex-wives. And he missed them all." Not, howevwill miss Tom Watson.

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**Nicklaus** 

junior falls short again

Tim Glover watches a painful exit for a famous name at the Open qualifying

Not even Jack Nicklaus could the short third he hit an 8-iron turn the water into wine. After into the left hunker and took a nine holes the Golden Bear retreated to the clubhouse and emerged bearing a cup of water for his sou, Gary. It had been hit his third into a hunker, hard work and it must have been came out with a sand wedge and hard work and it must have been as painful for the old man as it

was for the son. The 27-year-old Gary Nicklans, a professional for five years but thus far no prodigal, was at-tempting to qualify for the Open Championship for the fifth time and once again he was consigned to the role of spectator. Yester-day it was Jack who was doing the spectating as he, and other members of the Golden Bear's family, followed Gary's progress in the final qualifying round at St Annes Old Links.

On Sunday Gary had shot 68, four under par, but with only 13 places on offer for the field of 120 he needed another sub par score to secure a place in the 125th Open. The skyline at St Annes is dominated by a roller coaster called the Big One. Yesterday young Nicklaus, who normally receives invitations to tournaments, had his fair share of ups and downs.

At the second hole he three putted and took a bogcy five; at

bogey four; at the fourth he drove into the rough, advanced his second shot a mere 10 feet, two putts later recorded a double hogey six. He went to the turn in 40 at which point Jack

administered the water. Gary promptly birdied the 10th but despite finishing with an eagle three at the 17th and a birdie four at the 18th his score of 73 meant that he would not be sharing a locker with his father in the clubhouse at Roval Lytham. "I got myself in a hole early in the round and I could not get out of it." Gary said. He was asked if it bothered him, playing golf en famille. "I'd rather have dad watching than

not," he replied. At the same course Richard Boxall, who left the Scottish Open at Carnoustie on Saturday with an 85, equalled his record 65 of the first round. This will be his 14th Open and the 11th time he has qualified. "My intention," Boxall said, "is to gain exemption for next year and not put myself through are chasing your score and you

Open at Royal Birkdale five years ago when he broke a leg during the third round.

Christy O'Connor Jar, well placed after a 69 on Sunday, walked in in mid round yesterday, complaining of tennis el-bow. "I could not hold the club," he said. At Formby Gordon Sherry, who complained of a bad back in the first round, shot 76 and headed for Kilmarnock. "I'm having two weeks off," Sherry said. "I shan't watch the Open on television. I hate

watching golf on TV." Following a 73 on Sunday, the 6ft 8in Sherry had physiotherapy and yesterday hc said: "I had no pain at all. It was just one of those rounds." He started bogey, bogey. "After that," he said," you this again. You can't relax. I go for everything. The real dans-

up for it last night. Boxall, the al. after missing the cut in the drinking man's golfer, was heading for his best finish in the hid his disappointment well. This was a crushing blow.

Ricky Willison surpassed himself at Fairhaven, following a 69 with a 65 on a course with a par of 74. Willison had a hole in one at the 10th which measures 226 yards. He hit a twoiron. "It went for ever. I was saying 'please get on the green' and then the ball disappeared." It was his 14th hole in one.

When Willison won the English Amateur Championship at Southport in 1990 he practised by hitting golf balls off the beach. "If you are not swinging well hitting shots off the sand will soon tell you." He spent Sunday night here honing his swing on the beach. Willison was seventh in the Irish Open at Druids Glen two weeks ago after which he said: "I want the dryness of the mouth and a dodgy stomach that

could not even have a drink af-ter the first round." He made Sherry, who turned profession-and it was wonderful."

David Feherty, who jointly led the qualifiers at Formby, has reverted to the broomhandle putter. "My putting all year has been appalling, dreadful, cata-strophic. Feherty said. At Formby he shot 71, 69. "My putting has been a revelation," he said. "I feel I can hole out from everywhere."

Paul Eales, attached to Royal Lytham, came through at Fairhaven with a 69. A large crowd followed his progress and Eales, who went through qualifying only to miss the cut in the US Open at Oakland Hills, said: "I was embarrassed because I was playing so badly." He repaid the support by striking a spectator on the head at the 17th. The ball rebounded on to the green and Eales holed from nearly 30 feet for a hirdie two. That's what you call local knowledge.

The Gary Player paradox,

William Charles

## Clubs plan legal action over ban

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

Twickenham have found an unexpected ally as they strive to keep England in the Five Naulons' Championship. Donald Kerr, the chairman of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc), last night warned of possible legal action on the part of the clubs if the other four unions succeed in expelling England from the Five Nations' Championship.

Kerr said: "The other four unions are currently operating, or attempting to operate. anti-competitive practices. They have formed a cartel to exclude England and we think that what they are doing is illegal.

"Anti-competitive practice is against the law both in the UK and in the European Union. We

are running businesses now and these guys [in the other four unions] just don't seem to understand that you cannot dic-tate, you can't operate curtels. "I am sure if it goes much

further we will be asking the Office of Fair Trading to have a look at what they doing. "I think they have to recognise that the clubs are a beneficiary of the BSkyB agreement, and we feel we have to protect that situation. If they are trying

to induce either Sky or the RFU to break the contract then we are entitled to damages. "From our point of view, no other broadcaster is prepared to put money into club rugby. How are we supposed to get a professional sport off the ground if no money is going to come into it? We believe the

other unions are on very dan-

gerous ground. And if they go

all the way and try to restrict contact between clubs, and all the other various levels, they could be in serious hot water. The players are also beginning to show concern. Will Car-

ling said: "English rughy cannot survive without the Five Nations. The Five Nations' Championship has to be saved. It has been the foundation for the northern hemisphere for years. We should have the Five Na-

tions and we should add to that. We should be hringing in Italy and everyone else. I was in France 10 days ago and there were players from all the countries there and they were saying we have to play the Five Nations. They want England in it."

There were conciliatory noises from all four rival unions yesterday. France's president, Bernard Lapasset, said the door was still open to England, while

John Richardson, for urgent talks. However, the SRU said the situation was "beyond the 11th hour", and the RFU must come to an agreement "in a matier of days rather than weeks" if they were to be reinstated. To that end, Richardson last

the Scottish Rughy Union issued

a statement welcoming the call

by the new RFU president,

night issued a statement from Twickenham which opened the way for further talks.

It read: "I am pleased to note from the Scottish Rughy Union press statement that Scotland. Wales and Ireland have left the door open for further discussion. We are committed to. and value highly, the Five Na-

tions' Championship. The RFU's principal aim is to ensure the future well-being

the family of nations. On that basis we are prepared to meet the other nations and consider ideas consistent with that aim. But the other four unions have insisted that until the mafter is resolved England will remain in exile from the

tournament. Vernon Pugh, the Weish Rugby Union chairman, said last night: "We have discussed the Four Nations' tournament with the BBC and they have given us assurances that they have no difficulty with it at all."

English players will be selected for the British Lions tour of South Africa next summer even if England do not par-ticipate in the Five Nations' Championships, Ray Williams, the chairman of the tours committee, confirmed that the of English rugby and we believe that this includes being part of the British and Irish unions. selection process will involve all

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